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LOCAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Bob Dean

GO TO 2040 supports the efforts of local governments to improve livability within their communities and to encourage a future pattern of more compact, mixed-use development that focuses growth where transportation infrastructure already exists. The plan recommends that local governments pursue opportunities for development of this type, while recognizing that the interpretation and application of these concepts will vary by community.

AREA 1: REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Program Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Regional technical assistance includes projects that are conducted at a regional level, rather than working with an individual community. Projects in this area have a broad, region-wide audience.

Online Case Study Library

Project Manager: Lindsay Bayley

Team: Project managers of completed LTA projects

Description: This project will collect positive case studies from around the region of local governments advancing GO TO 2040 through plans, ordinances, and other regulations. These will be organized clearly in a searchable online format. After the initial launch of the project, it will be continually supplemented with more case studies, including some suggested or led by partner organizations. In FY 14, some of these case studies will be used as part of the Year 3 implementation report for GO TO 2040.

Products and Key Dates: Add 20 new case studies to library, primarily from completed LTA projects.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Formatted ten new case studies in InDesign.
- Working with staff to re-design the map to work better with the new webpage and simplify upload process; not uploading case studies until this is done.
- Held three brownbags for the LTA team (Project Management Matrix, NDD/forecasting, and Working with the City of Chicago), scheduled January brownbag with Pace.

- Promoted uploaded case studies via the weekly update, except when the webpage was offline.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Re-design webpage and submission process.
- Format 10 new case studies in InDesign and upload to the library, along with previous 10 PDFs.
- Continue brownbag series (one/month) highlighting completed LTA projects, or topics of interest to LTA team.
- Promote uploaded case studies biweekly, via the weekly update.
- Continue to work with LTA project managers to write up case studies for LTA projects completed in the 4th Quarter.
- Draft additional case studies outside of LTA projects as appropriate.

Municipal Survey

Project Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Team: Interns

Description: This project will conduct a biennial survey of municipalities across the region to understand the degree to which policies recommended in GO TO 2040 are implemented at the local level. Survey analysis will also be used to determine local government demand for the development model plans, ordinances and codes as well as educational opportunities. The next survey will be conducted during spring-summer 2014, so only the initiation of the survey is included in the FY 14 work plan.

Products and Key Dates: Initiation of municipal survey (March 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Limited work occurred.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- A municipal survey questionnaire draft will be complete by late January.
- Scope the fielding of the municipal survey, including outreach to COGs and municipalities.

Model Plans, Ordinances, and Codes

Project Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Team: Ihnchak, O'Neal, K. Smith, Zwiebach

Description: This project will prepare model planning approaches on topics of interest to local communities and planners. These include ordinances, other regulations, or treatment of other planning

issues. Topics addressed in FY 14 were identified in spring 2013 based on municipal survey results and committee feedback, and include fair housing, sustainability plans, conservation design, complete streets, and aging in place. Once models are produced, CMAP will work with several communities to implement the ordinance locally (covered in more detail in the Local Technical Assistance section).

Products and Key Dates: Initiation of four model ordinances or other planning documents on topics of interest. One model ordinance is scheduled to be completed in March 2014, one in June 2014, and the remainder will extend into FY 15.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- The scope of the Complete Streets Toolkit has been refined and partners have been engaged.
- The Sustainability Planning Toolkit Project has initiated with an overview to the CMAP ENR committee, serving as project steering committee.
- The Fair Housing Toolkit has been scoped and the Interjurisdictional Housing Plans Toolkit will be scoped by mid-January.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Draft and refine outline of the Complete Streets Toolkit with the project advisory group. Draft Toolkit introduction.
- Draft Sustainability Planning Toolkit outline and review with steering committee. Host a municipal representatives forum.
- Draft Interjurisdictional Housing Plans Toolkit outline and refine with project partners.
- Scope the Conservation Design Toolkit.

Planning Commissioner Workshops

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Ambriz, Dick

Description: A series of training workshops for Planning Commissioners will be provided, covering issues such as the importance of updating the comprehensive plan, consistency of local ordinances, legal issues in planning, and placing local land use decisions within a regional context. These will be coordinated with APA-IL, COGs, and other relevant groups. Each workshop will be hosted by a single municipal Planning Commission, with invitations to other nearby communities. The workshops will be targeted to communities recently completing CMAP-led technical assistance projects.

Products and Key Dates: Eight Planning Commissioner workshops, held throughout year (approximately two per quarter).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Held two workshops in Bensenville (Oct. 23) and Carpentersville (Oct. 29).
- Scheduled workshops for Elmwood Park (Feb. 10) and Westchester (Dec. 16).
- Westchester workshop cancelled.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Hold between two and four plan commissioner workshops.
- Schedule additional workshops (Alsip, Dixmoor, Lakemoor, and Westchester - reschedule).

Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Planning

Project Manager: John O'Neal

Team: TBD

Description: In cooperation with our partners, this project identifies, evaluates, and implements strategies to facilitate walking and bicycling in the region, including access to transit. The project also addresses public right-of-way accessibility for people with disabilities and the safety of walkers and cyclists. The project concentrates on providing technical information to partner agencies and local communities through such activities as our Soles and Spokes Workshops and our unique Soles and Spokes Blog.

Products and Key Dates: Address requests by partner agencies for bicycle and pedestrian planning information. Additional products and key dates to be defined by June 2013.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Finalized process review of Bicycle Planning and Usage Information Requests.
- Continued to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian planning into LTA projects, including South Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (ECR completed), FPDCC Municipal Connections Case Studies (Final Draft completed) and Lan-Oak Park District Master Plan.
- Posted 17 Soles and Spokes Blog entries.
- Bike-Ped task force met in December.
 - Continued to participate in local, regional, and state bicycle and pedestrian coordination activities.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Implement new process for responding to and addressing Bicycle Planning and Usage Information Requests in the long term.
- Continue to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian planning into LTA projects.

- Continue weekly Soles and Spokes Blog posts at rate of one to three per two-week period.
- Organize March meeting of bicycle-pedestrian task force.
- Continue to provide bicycle and pedestrian planning and programming information to CMAP partners and general public.

AREA 2: LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Program Manager: Bob Dean

The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program involves working directly with a community or group of communities on a product that is customized for their use. Projects in this area have a specific audience and are geographically limited. The work plan does not identify the specific projects being pursued, but breaks down the types of work involved in each one.

Program Development and Management

Project Manager: Bob Dean

Team: Aleman, Dick, Navota, Olson, Ostrander, Pfingston, Williams-Clark

Description: This involves the management of the overall program of Local Technical Assistance projects, including both staff-led projects and those pursued through contracts or grants. This project includes assuring project timeliness and quality, assessing staff needs and allocating resources appropriately, and communicating the purpose and goals of the overall program. The preparation of monthly reports on project progress also falls under this project. Future calls for projects and project prioritization are included within this project as well.

Products and Key Dates: Review of applications submitted and project prioritization (October). Monthly reports on progress of ongoing and upcoming projects (ongoing). Call for projects for following year (May).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Prepared monthly reports for Board and committees.
- Track and analyze staff time expended, with approximately 8,500 hours of staff time devoted to LTA projects.
- Received Board and MPO approval of new LTA program, including 32 new projects to be pursued.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to prepare monthly reports for Board and committees.

- Track and analyze staff time expended, with approximately 8,500 hours of staff time devoted to LTA projects.

Project Scoping

Project Manager: Bob Dean

Team: Aleman, Dick, Navota, Pfingston, Williams-Clark

Description: Many Local Technical Assistance projects require significant further scoping before the most appropriate CMAP role can be determined. This work plan item includes meetings with project sponsors and key local stakeholders, research on relevant past activities in each community, and preparation of a proposed scope of work for CMAP's involvement in each project.

Products and Key Dates: Ongoing scoping of projects as they are submitted through new calls for projects (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Communicated with sponsors of projects already in the LTA program at the start of the quarter to develop scopes of work and schedules. All projects that were in the program at the beginning of the quarter have begun scoping.
- Following Board and MPO approval, developed general staff allocations and timelines for newly selected projects, and determined which would be handled with staff assistance and consultant assistance.
- Followed up with sponsors of newly selected projects. Began detailed scoping during the quarter with sponsors of 21 new projects, leaving 11 projects in earlier stages of scoping.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue communication with sponsors of projects in the LTA program to develop scopes of work and schedules.
- Continue to develop more detailed staff allocations and schedules for newly selected projects.
- Follow up with sponsors of additional newly selected projects. Begin detailed scoping with sponsors of six new projects.

Management and Support of Staff-Led Projects

Project Manager: Bob Dean

Team: Entire Local Planning division; Hudson, Loftus, Schuh, Thompson

Description: Each Local Technical Assistance project will be assigned a project manager who is responsible for the timely completion of the project. Project managers are responsible for conducting a large portion of the work required on their projects, as well as identifying needs for additional project

support, outreach assistance, and partner coordination (described in the following several work plan items). The staff listed for this project will serve as project managers for some projects and contribute as part of a project team in other cases. CMAP's various software and tools, such as MetroQuest, will be used as appropriate.

Products and Key Dates: Completion of approximately twenty LTA projects receiving direct staff assistance from CMAP and initiation of a similar number of additional projects (ongoing). The number of projects at various stages (initiated; 50% complete; 90% complete; 100% complete) will be tracked and reported quarterly.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Continued to advance projects already begun, with preparation of 10 existing conditions reports (bringing the total to 89), 15 draft plans (bringing the total to 69), and six final plans (bringing the total to 52). Compared to initial expectations, preparation of existing conditions reports and draft plans occurred at the rate expected, but plan adoption occurred at a lower rate, partially due to holiday schedules.
- Initiated four additional projects. A total of 108 projects had reached this stage by the end of the fiscal year, including 79 staff-led projects and 29 consultant-led projects. This rate of project startup was lower than initial expectations at the start of the quarter, partially because startup of some projects was deferred until after the new year.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to advance projects, with preparation of several existing conditions reports, development of 13 additional draft plans, and adoption/completion of 11 final plans.
- Initiate six additional staff-led projects and four consultant-led projects.

| Projects... | End FY 11 | End FY 12 | End FY 13 | 1Q FY 14 | 2Q FY 14 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ...completed and adopted (100% complete) | 0 | 10 | 42 | 46 | 52 |
| ...with final draft complete (90%) | 0 | 18 | 48 | 54 | 69 |
| ...with existing conditions complete (50%) | 0 | 29 | 62 | 79 | 89 |
| ...fully initiated | 14 | 47 | 95 | 104 | 108 |

Management of Grants and Contracts

Project Manager: Jack Pfingston

Team: Bayley, Burch, Dick, Ihnchak, Okoth, O'Neal, Robinson, Seid, Shenbaga, Simoncelli, K. Smith, Vallecillos, Williams-Clark

Description: This project will provide grants to local governments to support the preparation of comprehensive plans, sub-area plans and ordinance revisions to implement these plans, with a focus on

linking land use and transportation. It will be highly coordinated with the RTA, which offers similar grant programs; coordination with IDOT and other state agencies will also be sought.

Products and Key Dates: Prequalification of consultants to assist (June). Completion of approximately ten projects using grants or contracts and initiation of a similar number of additional projects (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Continued to engage communities and to track progress. Continued project administration, monitoring, reporting, and review of draft project documents.
- Received and reviewed ECRs for the Apache Park Neighborhood Plan; Calumet City Comprehensive Plan; Evanston Bike Plan Update; Kedzie Avenue Corridor Plan; Niles Multi-Modal Plan; NWMC Des Plaines River Corridor Improvement Plan; Prospect Heights Comprehensive Plan; and South Elgin Bike Plan.
- Final plan drafts reviewed, revised and sent onto approving bodies for the DuPage County corridors, LeClaire Courts, and Elgin sidewalks projects.
- Final drafts of plans for the Lansing, Lynwood, Richton Park, and SSMMA I-294/I-57 projects have been received and have been reviewed or are being reviewed and revised.
- Prepared and released RFPs for North Aurora and Zion.
- Held pre-RFP scoping meetings with Cicero and Zion and completed initial scoping elements for the West Pullman/ far south side plan project.
- Conducted interviews and selected consultant for the North Aurora Comprehensive Plan project.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to engage communities and to track progress. Continue project administration, monitoring, reporting, and review of draft project documents.
- Complete and close out LeClaire Courts redevelopment project (January), DuPage County corridors project (February), Elgin sidewalks plan (February) and SSMMA I-294/I-57 interchange project (January).
- Review recommendations memo(s) and set up 'halfway' meetings for Calumet City; Kedzie Avenue; NWMC; Prospect Heights; and South Elgin projects.
- Move to draft plan stage for Apache Park; Calumet City; Niles; and NWMC projects.
- Initiate adoption process for comprehensive plans in Lansing; Lynwood; and Richton Park.
- Select consultant and get Zion comprehensive plan project underway.
- Complete scoping discussions and prepare RFPs for Cicero (comp plan), Crete (comp plan), and West Pullman/far south side (neighborhood plan).

Outreach and Communications

Project Manager: Erin Aleman, Tom Garritano

Team: Green, Lopez, Reisinger, Robinson, Simoncelli, K. Smith, Vallecillos

Description: Inclusive public engagement processes will be part of each Local Technical Assistance project undertaken. This work plan item includes the development and implementation of a public engagement process as part of each project. This project also includes media outreach during and after each LTA project.

Products and Key Dates: Initial Project Outreach Strategy (PROUST) for each project (ongoing). Final report on public engagement results for each local project (ongoing). Communications strategy for each project (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff worked to develop PROUSTs for new projects and complete outreach appendix, as needed.
- Other LTA outreach highlights:
 - Coordinated with CNU Illinois to promote the Red Line Livability project.
 - Cook County Consolidated Plan kick-off at CMAP with over 100 attendees.
 - Chinatown public workshop with nearly 200 attendees, tri-lingual workshop. Over 1,600 individuals engaged through paper surveys (English and Chinese).

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to develop PROUSTs as needed.
- Complete project outreach appendix as needed.
- Add web pages for all consultant-led LTA projects.
- Continue to look for ways to do new, innovative outreach activities.

Data and Mapping Support

Project Manager: Agata Dryla-Gaca

Team: Bayley, Drennan, Okoth, Panella, Pedersen, interns

Description: Provide customized data preparation, analysis and mapping support to Local Technical Assistance project managers. Data and analysis staff will be assigned to projects several months before they are initiated based on availability and needed skills. A set of guidelines for preparing standardized LTA data and mapping products will ensure uniform quality control and streamline preparation of data and map products.

Products and Key Dates: Data and map products for each LTA project (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Spatial Data and Map products:
 - Continued mapping tasks for Bensenville, Lyons, Rosemont, Lan-Oak Park, Cook County Consolidated Plan, Oswego, Westchester, Franklin Park, Chicago Heights, Summit, Chinatown, Riverdale, Lincolnwood, Bronzeville Food Access Study, Alsip, Blue Island, Wicker Park.
 - Spatial Analysis for “Homes for a Changing Region” project in NE DuPage County and Will County Brownfields.
- Exploring, establishing, documenting and sharing spatial analysis methods (Zoning, Site selection for Will County brownfields).
- Public participation materials (printed maps and files for Metroquest portal for Batavia, Geneva, N Aurora, St. Charles, Bensenville, Wood Dale, Addison, and Villa Park). Input results digitizing and display (Bensenville).
- Continued maintaining of all LTA projects file to reflect distribution and coverage in CMAP’s region.
- Started conversation/cooperation with Communications team in order to maintain more consistent and recognizable CMAP’s style when creating maps and graphics.
- Monthly “GIS and Mapping for LTA” meetings.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue with GIS and mapping support for active projects.
- Document new methods.
- Continue collaboration with Communication team.
- Explore the most efficient ways of using and representing Metroquest data.

Partner Coordination

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Robinson

Description: The involvement of partner organizations including government, nongovernmental, and philanthropic groups is a central part of CMAP’s approach to Local Technical Assistance. This work plan item includes identification of appropriate organizations to participate in local projects and coordination of the project processes to involve these organizations, as well as convening partners through working committees, technical assistance providers group, and other formal and informal committees. This project also includes the incorporation of non-traditional topics within LTA projects, such as health, arts and culture, workforce development, and others.

Products and Key Dates: Identification of appropriate partner organizations and roles for each LTA project (ongoing). Presentation of LTA projects to relevant CMAP working committees (ongoing). Periodic meetings of the technical assistance providers group (quarterly).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Convened TA providers for their quarterly meeting and focused discussion on implementation of Blue Island comprehensive plan.
- Held a Health, Land Use and Transportation workshop at CMAP to discuss better integrating these three issues into LTA projects and facilitate better coordination among county departments.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Follow up with attendees from the Health, Land Use, and Transportation workshop.
- Host quarterly TA providers meeting.
- Continue to identify partnership opportunities.

External Resource Development

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Navota, Olson, Williams-Clark, others as relevant to specific topics

Description: To cover a breadth of topics, CMAP will need to have access to funding resources beyond transportation sources. This project involves seeking external resources to support the LTA program and CMAP's work in general, either through competitive applications to public sector (most commonly federal or state) programs or philanthropic organizations, or through cultivation of relationships with potential funders.

Products and Key Dates: Periodic communication with philanthropic groups and other potential funders concerning the value of the LTA program (ongoing). Applications submitted in response to funding opportunities (as needed).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Identified federal, state, and other funding opportunities to explore in the near future (NOAA, FEMA, MWRD).
- Applied for NOAA's CSI Sectoral Applications Research Program for climate adaptation funding through the LTA program.
- Applied for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Planning grant program.
- Developed materials to jointly apply with the Chicago Jobs Council (CJC) for workforce funding opportunities.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to identify and evaluate potential funding opportunities.
- Develop a series of promotional materials on various subject areas focused on topics where CMAP has expertise and is looking for funding.
- Work with Communications to develop an LTA specific brochure.

POLICY ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Matt Maloney

GO TO 2040 addresses broad issues of governance and policy, which are equally as important as physical infrastructure to our region's future. The plan's approach in this area is to support activities that create a favorable policy environment for sustainable prosperity and regional job growth. The primary goal of this core program is to use the agency's vast data resources to generate robust analyses in subject areas aligning with GO TO 2040. Dissemination of this analysis provides the context for strategic coordination on policy with other organizations, including administrative and/or legislative action. This core program reflects agency priorities, ranging from transportation finance to economic innovation to state and local taxation to broader land use issues including housing and natural resource policies. The main activities include research and analysis, steering GO TO 2040 priorities through the agency's committee structure, legislative analysis, and coordination by CMAP staff with other organizations.

AREA 1: Regional Mobility

Performance Based Transportation Funding

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Murdock

Description: In the last fiscal year, staff worked to educate state and regional stakeholders about the virtues of moving to a more robust and transparent system of making transportation investment decisions. This work culminated in a web microsite and companion report describing CMAP's best thinking on how to implement performance-based funding for the state highway program. This fiscal year, staff will pursue additional opportunities to educate policymakers, transportation stakeholders, and the general public about advancing these issues, both for annual and more episodic highway and transit capital investments. Staff will also analyze other structural issues that affect the efficiency of transportation spending in our region, including the allocation of roadway maintenance responsibilities across jurisdictions and the complex system of formula-based funding allocations between the state and local governments. Lastly, staff will work to transition CMAP's programming via a new performance-based programming core program.

Products and Key Dates: This research will be delivered via the Policy Updates blog (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff posted the first policy update in this series.
- Staff continued research on the second policy update in this series.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Post second policy update.

- Begin research on later policy updates.

Congestion Pricing Analysis and Coordinated Outreach

Project Manager: Jesse Elam

Team: Aleman, Beata, Stratton, Schmidt

Description: The implementation of congestion pricing is a major recommendation of GO TO 2040. In FY 2013, staff pursued a wide-reaching campaign, based upon new analyses of five GO TO 2040 fiscally constrained highway projects (summarized in the report and Web site Congestion Pricing: Express Lanes to the Region's Future.) This fiscal year, staff will focus efforts on analyzing some of the strategy's secondary benefits and impacts as well as system performance under a broader application of the strategy. In addition, staff will also analyze how the performance of existing managed facilities could be improved with congestion pricing. Staff will also continue to engage in coordinated outreach across the region, as needed, and particular attention will be paid to several near-term applications for congestion pricing (Elgin O'Hare Western Access, Central Lake County Corridor, Stevenson Expressway.)

Products and Key Dates: Analysis of benefits to transit, including express bus performance (September 2013); analysis of benefits of pricing on existing managed facilities (April 2014); outreach to corridor and regional stakeholders (ongoing); analyses to support project studies for specific GO TO 2040 corridors (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- No progress, but work is now being incorporated more directly into the GO TO 2040 Plan Update.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Incorporate clarification of CMAP's congestion pricing policy into the Plan Update.

Regional Freight Leadership Task Force

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Simoncelli, Murtha, Wies

Description: GO TO 2040 supports increased investment in the region's freight system to improve the economic competitiveness of metropolitan Chicago, and the plan emphasizes organization and public policy as a specific area of focus for achieving this goal. Metropolitan Chicago has not traditionally had a champion to look out for the public interest regarding freight. To address the institutional and funding barriers of all freight modes, a self-financed Regional Freight Authority should be explored to establish a balance of interests and a mandate to address these needs and lower freight operating costs by upgrading regional infrastructure. Following Board approval of a Task Force to analyze these issues in June 2013, this group will meet monthly beginning in August 2013 and produce a report to the CMAP Board in June 2014.

Products and Key Dates: Task Force meetings, background analysis and staff reports (monthly); final report (June).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff convened first and second meetings.
- Staff developed materials for the third meeting.
- Staff continued exploring modeling and quantitative analysis.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Convene the third meeting.
- Develop materials for and convene the fourth and fifth meetings. Begin developing materials for the sixth meeting.

Freight Policy: National, State, and Regional Coordination

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Description: As the nation's freight and transportation hub, metropolitan Chicago must play a greater leadership role in advocating for sound public policy and planning on freight movement. While MAP-21 included new freight provisions, more must be done to prioritize and target investments where they are most needed. The most visible of these investments is implementation of the CREATE program. CMAP will closely monitor actions at the federal and state level and assemble policy principles, issue briefs, and recommendations to articulate the importance of freight to metropolitan regions and especially northeastern Illinois. CMAP will also lead a collaborative effort with other major metro areas on these principles and the overall outreach campaign to influence the freight provisions of the next transportation reauthorization bill. CMAP will first provide a working draft freight agenda to partner agencies and with their input develop a consensus Freight Agenda for reauthorization. With Board approval of the consensus Agenda, CMAP will recirculate the Agenda to partner agencies for adoption by their respective boards.

Products and Key Dates: Working Major Metro Area Freight Agenda Draft (June 2013), Major Metro Area Input on a Consensus Freight Agenda (August 2013), Draft Freight Agenda (February 2014), Letter to Congressional Representatives on Common Major Metro Area Agenda (February 2014), Meetings with elected officials and staff (February-June 2014)

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff continued coordinating with major metropolitan areas, establishing a working group to edit the policy platform and coordinate with other major MPOs' staff.
- Staff completed substantial technical and policy analysis of the draft Primary Freight Network released for comment by U.S. DOT in November 2013. Staff also coordinated with the major MPOs group to comment on the draft Primary Freight Network.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Finalize and submit freight policy principles in concert with major MPOs working group. Comment with major MPOs on the draft Primary Freight Network.
- Submit final comments from CMAP on the draft Primary Freight Network.

Regional Revenues

Project Manager: Matt Maloney

Team: Beata, Hollander, Schuh

Description: CMAP's Regional Tax Policy Task Force recommended that Northeastern Illinois should follow the lead of other regions around the country that are pursuing and utilizing regional revenue sources for regional needs, namely capital investments for transportation infrastructure projects. In FY 13, staff completed a draft detailed analysis of potential non-federal or state revenues to be derived from the imposition of new user fees or other efficient forms of taxation that capture the incremental value created by infrastructure improvements. In FY 14, staff will release this report and coordinate an outreach campaign to move the regional conversation forward on sustainable regional revenues.

Products and Key Dates: Release report (summer 2013).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- No progress. Work has been incorporated into the regional freight leadership task force and financial plan update.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue incorporating regional revenues work into the freight task force and plan update.

Major Capital Projects Implementation

Project Manager: Matt Maloney

Team: Beata, Bozic, Elam, Blankenhorn, Leary, Kopec, Schmidt, Schuh, Stratton, Wies

Description: While the primary transportation emphasis of GO TO 2040 is to maintain and modernize, the plan contains a handful of fiscally constrained major capital projects that will maximize regional benefits of mobility and economic development. In the last fiscal year, staff continued to follow an agency strategic plan for prioritizing opportunities for CMAP staff to add value to these regional planning processes. CMAP will deploy some resources, in coordination with state, regional, and local agencies and groups, to generate the data, information, policy analysis, and outreach to advance implementation of GO TO 2040's fiscally constrained priority projects.

Products and Key Dates: Monthly internal meetings and project updates (ongoing); other technical assistance and involvement with project planning as stipulated in the strategic plan (ongoing)

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff continues to meet internally about implementing the MCP strategic plan.
- The Rt 53/120 Corridor Plan, to be managed by CMAP, moved forward and selected a consultant.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to implement strategic plan.

Green Infrastructure Vision

Project Manager: Jesse Elam

Team: Beck, Navota, consultant contract

Description: Last fiscal year, staff produced a report on recommended policy applications for the Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV), including its potential use for transportation project development, facility planning area review, municipal comprehensive plans, and land conservation. This year, staff will focus on applying the GIV for this type of work, including local planning and performance-based funding, and will support the effort of partners in Chicago Wilderness to apply the GIV to land conservation decisions and to prepare updates to the analysis behind the GIV. With consultant support, staff will also prepare a report estimating the economic value of protecting the landscapes identified in the GIV, which could be used to build support for conservation efforts.

Products and Key Dates: Chicago Wilderness policy regarding use of GIV in land conservation (expected by December 2014, but dependent on partners); economic valuation report (March 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Met with Chicago Wilderness Government Affairs Committee to finalize GIV resolution language.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Present GIV resolution language at January meeting of Chicago Wilderness Executive Council.
- Complete scoping and start procurement process for GIV valuation report (RFP expected February).

AREA 2: Regional Economy

Assessment of Economic Development Incentives

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Team: Schuh

Description: CMAP's Regional Tax Policy Task Force recommended that CMAP analyze how sales tax rebates affect development and land use decisions, and support policies that enhance transparency in these rebate agreements. This recommendation emerged from the Task Force's lengthy discussion about the local incentives at play in the attraction of large tax generating establishments. While the Task Force focused specifically on sales tax rebates, the state and some local governments historically have utilized a range of other abatements and economic development incentives, including TIF and enterprise zones, to spur economic development. The CMAP Board has requested that CMAP conduct a detailed study on how and where these tools have been used and the impact of the tools on local and regional economic development.

Products and Key Dates: Final report (July 2013)

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Presented report's findings to the Land Use Committee.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Present report to other interested bodies.

Regional Tax Policy Analysis

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Description: CMAP's Regional Tax Policy Task Force recommended that CMAP continue to play a leadership role in facilitating a regional perspective on tax policy. This project will focus on supporting CMAP's commitment to tax policy through a series of analyses on tax policy issues. Topics are likely to include: an analysis of the effect of property tax classification in Cook County on business location decisions, an analysis of northeastern Illinois' impact on state revenues, research on the State's budget and state expenditures made within the region, an analysis of regional tax capacity and other tax policy indicators, and expansions on previous CMAP analyses of revenue sharing or sales tax rebates. Analyses may take the form of an issue brief or policy update.

Products and Key Dates: The project will be executed as a series of four issue briefs or policy updates to be published in October, January, April, and June.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Analyzed IDOR's sales tax rebate database and began to draft policy update analyzing sales tax rebates in the region.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Complete policy update on sales tax rebate database.
- Complete second policy update on tax policy issues.

Assessment of the Fiscal and Economic Impact of Land Use Decisions

Project Manager: Elizabeth Schuh

Team: Hollander, Clark, consultant contract

Description: The Tax Policy Task Force report includes data and information about the fiscal impacts of different development decisions. During the GO TO 2040 plan process, CMAP also analyzed the regional economic and jobs impacts of these different development decisions. It is important for the region to have the best information possible about how our fiscal policies drive land use decisions as well as the resulting impacts on the regional economy, jobs, and principles of livability as addressed in GO TO 2040. The CMAP Board has requested that the local and regional impacts of these decisions should be analyzed in more detail. Analysis should be regional in scale and include specific information and cooperation from local municipalities.

Products and Key Dates: Initial analysis results (June 2013), final report to the CMAP Board (December 2013).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Completed draft of final report. Provided the executive summary to the CMAP Board.
- Held final TAG meeting.
- Worked with 10 case study communities to solicit feedback on the report.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Publish final report.

Regional Housing and Development Analysis

Project Manager: Elizabeth Schuh

Team: Morck, D. Clark

Description: GO TO 2040's land use and housing section emphasizes the need to coordinate planning for transportation, land use, and housing. This project will focus on enhancing the agency's understanding of ongoing housing and land use change in the region and education on topics related to the interaction of land use and transportation. This project will both utilize and supplement the agency's existing land use data resources (land use inventory and development database). Topic areas are likely to include station area change, housing trends, commercial development trends, residential connectivity, and land use planning on transportation corridors. Final products will provide a resource for communities and stakeholders to better understand local and regional change and may also provide data tools for CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program.

Products and Key Dates: Analysis and policy blog updates on housing and commercial development change in the region (quarterly); ongoing educational blogs/handouts on demographic, transportation and land use topics (quarterly)

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Evaluated D&B and CoStar data for business move trends.
- Compiled residential building permit data through the third quarter of 2013. Authored one policy update on these trends.
- Began compiling information on case studies of multijurisdictional land use planning and implementation on major land use corridors.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Publish policy updates on recent American Community Survey data releases and business moves.
- Complete draft of multijurisdictional land use planning case studies.

Industry Cluster Drill Downs

Project Manager: TBD

Team: Weil

Description: GO TO 2040's chapter on supporting economic innovation includes an implementation action to perform 'drill down' analyses into specific industry clusters. The purpose of these reports is to identify specific opportunities to support economic innovation within a strategic cluster. A thorough, comprehensive evaluation highlights opportunities to develop partnerships, strengthen programs, advocate for policy changes, align workforce training programs, and bolster other resources that will help the cluster thrive. In FY 13, staff completed two drill down reports on freight and manufacturing. In FY 14, staff will complete the third in this ongoing series.

Products and Key Dates: Full project scope and timeline for third drill down report (September 2013); final report (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- No progress was made on FY 14 deliverables. Project is not happening this year.

3rd Quarter Objectives

- None.

Industry Cluster Sub-regional Analyses

Project Manager: Elizabeth Schuh

Team: Weil, Woods, other key staff from the Local Planning department

Description: CMAP's two cluster reports on freight and manufacturing include a number of recommendations on workforce, innovation, and infrastructure. Many of these recommendations are best implemented on the sub-regional level through targeted technical assistance. This project will conduct two analyses on sub-regions within the seven county area to assess specific economic development and workforce challenges and opportunities related to freight and manufacturing. After this initial assessment, the goal is to transition toward an actionable projects or set of projects that can be undertaken at a later date via the LTA program.

Products and Key Dates: Two sub-regional analyses on freight/manufacturing (one in the second half of 2013, one in the first half of 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Draft report is complete, but requires more fine-tuning and analysis on land use.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Complete report.

State and Regional Economic Development Policy: Best Practices, Challenges, and Opportunities

Project Manager: Simone Weil

Team: Byrne, Hollander

Description: CMAP's two industry cluster drill down reports include a number of recommendations encouraging the reorientation of economic development policies and practices both regionally and statewide. This project will focus on the role of state and regional governments in planning for economic development opportunities and providing direct funding to businesses in the form of financial incentives. This project will have two distinct phases. Phase 1 will focus on analyzing best practices in state and regional economic development from the U.S. and around the world. With these best practices in hand, Phase 2 will focus on the State of Illinois and metropolitan Chicago's economic development policies and procedures and analyze what lessons can be learned from other places.

Products and Key Dates: Project Scope (July 2013), Phase 1 report (November 2013), Phase 2 report (July 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Completed Phase 1 report.
- Conducted research of existing practices around state and region.
- Conducted interviews with economic development researchers and practitioners.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Present phase 1 research to regional coordinating committee.
- Distribute phase 1 report to state and regional stakeholders.
- Develop project scope for Phase 2.
- Conduct research of existing practices around state and region.
- Conduct interviews with economic development researchers and practitioners.

Regional Economic Indicators

Project Manager: Simone Weil

Team: Byrne, communications staff

Description: Over the last two years, CMAP has worked to improve data and information systems related to human capital, a key recommendation of GO TO 2040. Last year CMAP released *MetroPulse Jobs*, a new web portal illustrating data on workforce needs and gaps in key industry clusters of specialization (the first two portals have focused on freight and manufacturing.) CMAP has also contributed to the Illinois Innovation Index, a partnership with other entities which analyzes varying sets of metrics on economic innovation in northeastern Illinois and the State. Moving forward, CMAP intends to play a greater role in collecting and analyzing this data to keep our partners and the general public attuned the region's economic trends, especially as they relate to our major industry clusters and the workforce and innovation recommendations of GO TO 2040. This data and information will be housed at CMAP and disseminated via the CMAP Web site.

Products and Key Dates: Strategic Plan and Scope for Regional Economic Indicators project (July 2013); implement plan (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Coordinated indicator development with plan update indicators project.
- Developed in-depth analysis of eight indicators and visualized.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Complete indicator analysis, visualization, and preliminary policy update content.
- Scope calendar for ongoing policy updates regarding indicators.
- Develop content regarding indicators for website on an ongoing basis.
- Design site on new CMAP website.

AREA 3: CMAP/MPO Committee Support and Legislative Strategy

CMAP and MPO Committee Support

Team: Kopec, Leary (policy committees); Dean, Maloney (coordinating committees); Aleman, Berry, Capriccioso (advisory committees); Beck, Byrne, Dixon, Ostrander, Robinson, K. Smith (working committees)

Description: CMAP has [committees](#) at the policy, coordinating, advisory, and working levels that play integral roles in the agency's planning processes. CMAP provides staff support to these committees. With the adoption of GO TO 2040, committee focus has shifted from the planning process to implementation. While many implementation areas of the plan are led by CMAP, other areas require leadership from other implementers. Moving forward, CMAP's committees, primarily at the working level, should be used to ensure that CMAP can measure progress toward plan implementation on both staff work and efforts by outside implementers.

Products: Agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials (policy, coordinating, advisory, working levels); implement mechanism to collect and share information on GO TO 2040 implementation activities occurring throughout the region (working committee level) - quarterly

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Committees continued to meet and staff met internally on strategy.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Committees will continue to meet.

State Legislative Strategy

Project Manager: Gordon Smith

Team: Allen, Capriccioso, Maloney, Weil, other policy staff

Description: Under this project, staff will monitor legislative activities at the Illinois General Assembly during regular and veto session and actions taken by the Governor, such as vetoes, executive orders, or other relevant announcements that impact our region. Staff will maintain relationships with key staff in the House, Senate, Governor's Office, other constitutional offices and state departments to keep abreast of these activities. Staff will also maintain relationships with CMAP's partners and stakeholders to keep informed with their legislative concerns and initiatives. Staff will provide an analysis of bills of significant interest to CMAP and the status of these bills as they move through the legislative process. Staff will provide written and verbal reports on these activities regularly to executive staff, CMAP board, policy and working committees, and the CAC. Staff will often submit Policy Updates on relevant topics of interest.

Products and Key Dates: State Agenda (October 2013); Monthly Board Report, Final Legislative Report (June 2014), Veto Session Report (TBD), Policy Updates on state legislative issues (ongoing), Factsheets

on GO TO 2040 priorities (as needed); Outreach Strategy Outline (as needed); Regional Legislative Briefings (June-July); Congressional Staff Briefings (TBD)

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Began and completed development of a legislative outreach strategy.
- Began outlining CMAP's legislative review and tracking process including staff specific roles in the process.
- Staff continued monitoring the Governor's Northeast Illinois Public Transit Task force meetings. Continued discussions of strategy and purpose for developing CMAP specific NE Illinois legislative caucus with MPC.
- Completed the revisions to the legislative Framework and Agenda documents for the 2014 spring legislative session.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to meet with new legislators, key caucus staff utilizing the new strategy.
- Present the Legislative Framework and Agenda Docs to the Board for approval and to Policy committee and other relevant committees.
- Work with policy team to outline possible information sharing to legislators and key caucus staff.
- Continue development of a possible NE Illinois ILGA caucus.
- Implement legislative tracking and review process in the upcoming session.
- Convene a meeting of the CMAP legislative working group.
- Continue to monitor the NEIPTTF.

Federal Legislative Strategy

Project Manager: Randy Blankenhorn

Team: Beata, Kopec, Leary, Maloney, other relevant staff

Description: Under this project, staff will monitor actions in the U.S. Congress and other relevant federal announcements that impact our region. Specific continuing areas of focus include reauthorization of the transportation legislation as well as the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

Products and Key Dates: Federal Agenda (January 2014); Policy Updates on federal legislative issues (ongoing)

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff monitored progress in Washington, specifically related to the MAP-21 implementation on performance measures and freight.
- Begin work on 2014 federal agenda.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Finalize federal agenda.

GO TO 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE PROGRAM

Program Management: Drew Williams-Clark

MAP-21 continues the federal requirement that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan must be prepared and updated every 4 years in nonattainment areas. CMAP's Comprehensive Regional Plan, GO TO 2040, serves as the region's metropolitan transportation plan. No new policy changes to the plan are anticipated. The update will include new elements required by MAP-21 and other necessary updates. The final update is due October 2014.

AREA 1: Technical analysis and modeling Financial Plan

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Team: Beata, Ostlick

Description: GO TO 2040 includes a fiscal constraint for transportation investments, totaling \$385B in core and reasonably expected revenues over the plan period. This project's objective is to update revenue and expenditure information and the overall fiscal constraint of the plan.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of work (September 2013); Confirm revenues (January 2014); Confirm safe & adequate expenditures (January 2014); Develop allocation of funding by project category (particularly focusing on major capital projects (April 2014)).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Presented draft forecast to the Transportation Committee.
- Completed forecasting core revenues, reasonably expected revenues, operating expenditures, and capital maintenance expenditures to a safe and adequate level.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Present final forecast to Regional Coordinating Committee and Transportation Committee.
- Develop action plan for implementing reasonably expected revenues.
- Develop draft funding allocation.
- Work on financial plan materials and products to be released as part of the update.

Socioeconomic Forecast Development

Project Manager: David Clark

Team: Wies, Morck, Peterson

Description: Review, correct and, if necessary, update GO TO 2040 preferred scenario socioeconomic forecasts. Major tasks include assessing the impact of the recent recession on long term regional household and job growth trends, and inventorying and correcting small-area forecasts to reflect new existing conditions. Improved techniques for modeling future retail employment will be implemented.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of Work (September 2013) Review and propose update and correction parameters (September, 2013). Execute agreed upon updates and corrections (December, 2013). Publish updated and corrected forecasts (March, 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Re-allocation methodology finalized and scripts written to automate processes. New subzone-level data generated.
- Results reviewed by Local Planning staff for communities where LTA projects were completed or are underway. Revised data fed into re-allocation model to produce draft final results.
- Began development of forecast data for surrounding (extra-regional) counties for travel model requirements.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Make further revisions if necessary based on review of draft final results.
- Post final results (subzone-level and summaries by county, township and municipality) internally for staff access.
- Complete documentation.

Major Capital Projects

Project Manager: Todd Schmidt

Team: Beata, Patronsky, Bozic

Description: The GO TO 2040 update will include a fiscally constrained list of major capital projects, per federal requirements. The projects identified in GO TO 2040, as adopted in October 2010, will be used as a baseline. These projects, as well as projects that are currently considered fiscally unconstrained, will be re-evaluated in the context of the updated financial plan and socioeconomic forecasts described above. Implementing agencies will also have the ability to suggest new projects to be evaluated and considered.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of Work (September 2013); Identify “universe” of major capital projects (October 2013); Confirm evaluation measures to be used (January 2014); Evaluate projects against measures (April 14); Develop recommended list of projects (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Met one-on-one with each implementer to discuss updates to major capital projects and requested they provide updated information regarding project description, cost, and status.

- Prepared universe of major capital projects document. This document includes a project description, cost estimate, and project status for all projects.
- Reviewed and updated project evaluation measures. Major updates include evaluating the project at a corridor level, adding a measure for freight, streamlining the energy use and air quality measure, and measuring highway and transit projects with more mode specific calculation for measures.
- Created draft project evaluation templates for highway and transit projects.
- Provided update of project status to Transportation Committee.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Prepare and present a memo providing an overview of the major capital project evaluation process to the Transportation Committee.
- Start modeling major capital projects and review project evaluation results.
- Prepare document with all major capital project evaluation results.
- Work with implementing agencies to refine project cost information.

AREA 2: Writing, Policy Development, and Outreach Implementation Actions

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Schuh

Description: The update to GO TO 2040 will not involve rewriting the plan's text. However, it will involve updating the implementation action area tables that describe how the recommendations of GO TO 2040 will be implemented. These tables will be updated to reflect current implementation status.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of Work (September 2013). Assess progress toward initial implementation actions and release results as part of Year 3 GO TO 2040 implementation report (December 2013). Recommend set of new implementation actions (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Gathered implementation examples from CMAP working committees. Supplied implementation examples to CMAP's Communications team for inclusion in the Year 3 Implementation Report.
- Completed internal review to determine high-level assessments of each implementation action (i.e., whether it should be retained as-is, removed or revised to reflect current conditions, or listed as complete.
- Solicited high-level assessments of each implementation action from the working committees.
- Completed internal review of the text of each implementation action.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Gather feedback from CMAP working committees on the proposed text edits.
- Finalize text edits.

Indicator Updates

Project Manager: Craig Heither

Team: Murtha, Chau, N. Ferguson

Description: GO TO 2040 includes a set of indicators to track the plan's progress toward implementation. The Year 2 implementation report for GO TO 2040 included updates on several of these indicators, including modifying the way in which the indicator is measured to respond to data availability. This project will build upon that analysis to update the GO TO 2040 indicators, including modifying measures and future targets if appropriate.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of Work (September 2013). Prepare report on selection of new indicators in cases where necessary, or confirmation of use of initial indicators (December 2013). Develop updated set of indicators and long-term and short-term targets (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Completed draft Indicators Selection Report identifying all performance measures to be used in plan update.
- Drafted Indicators Targets report. Reviewed by program manager.
- Presented indicator updates to working committees and CMAP Board for input at November meetings.
- Coordinated with agency subject matter experts on new and revised target values for indicators; began compiling report.
- Assisted with development of content for 2013 Implementation Highlights report.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Complete draft Indicator Targets Report identifying new and revised mid-term and long-term targets for the plan update.
- Present indicator targets to working committees for input beginning in February.
- Begin developing text for "Indicators and Targets" sections of plan update.

Plan Preparation

Project Manager: Justine Reisinger

Team: Garritano, Weiskind

Description: The GO TO 2040 update will consist primarily of updated indicators, updated implementation action area tables, and an updated list of fiscally constrained major capital projects. These updated materials will be released for public comment in June 2014. This project involves the preparation of the materials that will be released for public comment.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of Work (September 2013); Release draft plan update (June 2014); final plan update will be a deliverable in FY15.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Reviewed various committee memos upon request.
- Compiled landing page for plan update materials at www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/2040/update.
- Developed three sample Policy Updates to explore concept of writing PUs on interim plan update materials.
- Completed initial research on other plan update examples, developed APA PAS service question for additional research.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Develop plan update outline.
- Provide ongoing support for other plan update projects, including memo review.
- Maintain plan update web page.

Public, Stakeholder, and Committee Engagement

Project Manager: Jessica Simoncelli

Team: Aleman, other outreach staff as necessary

Description: This project will ensure adequate feedback from stakeholders and committees during the plan update process.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of Work (September 2013). Involvement of committees and stakeholders as appropriate (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Presented as needed to CMAP working committees about the plan update project's progress.
- Researched best practices for public outreach in similar plan update processes.
- Initiated the process of determining public outreach stakeholders and targeted meeting locations for public comment period.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to engage the CMAP working committees with the plan update project's progress.
- Plan and finalize a roundtable session with partner organization MPC on the topic of regional planning updates.
- Work with Planning Liaisons and any other COG/COM representatives to schedule and set public meetings for the public comment period.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Tom Garritano

CMAP must maintain a high standard of communication with stakeholders, the general public, and news media. Outreach to external media will be coordinated internally and, whenever appropriate, externally with CMAP partners. Communications staff will place special emphasis on building awareness of and support for GO TO 2040 implementation activities.

Local Planning Communications and Outreach Support

Project Manager: Justine Reisinger

Team: Aleman, Garritano, Weiskind, Green, Nguyen plus other relevant staff

Description: Communications staff will work with outreach staff to build awareness of GO TO 2040 local implementation activities through the Local Planning Support group. Manage Local Technical Assistance (LTA) media outreach, including liaison with external partners as needed. Prepare communication strategies for individual projects as needed, with involvement of outreach and legislative staff. Oversee production and quality control of local planning print and web materials, including plans, guides, toolkits, and other documents developed through the group (e.g., model plans, ordinances, and codes).

Products: Support for various planning projects, as needed throughout FY 2014. GO TO 2040 presentations to all of the Local Technical Assistance communities, including coordination on annual LTA call for projects.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Provided ongoing support for LTA promotional materials and final plans, as well as relevant media outreach.
- Supported U.S. EPA (video, press release, logistics, etc.) in preparation for Smart Growth award presentation to CMAP in early February.
- Developed social media partner plan and logo for Cook County Planning for Progress effort.
- Supported land-use planning effort for IL 53, including review of proposals for consulting assistance.
- Initiated development of LTA brochure for 2014 meetings.
- Developed press release on fair housing report required by HUD grant, set for distribution early 2014.
- Distributed press release for round three LTA projects approved in October.
- Worked with staff on content for Livability, LTA pages on new website.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Release fair housing press release and relevant materials.
- Complete LTA brochure and relevant fact sheets for 2014 meetings with potential funders.
- Continue to improve methods of sharing information related to LTA projects via new website.
- Release quarterly Muni-Blast, monitor readership stats/links clicked to gauge effectiveness at raising awareness of Regional Technical Assistance products.
- Engage with staff producing model ordinances and toolkits before text is drafted to determine potential web interactivity for final deliverable.
- Continue to provide ongoing support for LTA promotional materials and final plans, as well as relevant media outreach.

Policy Communications and Outreach Support

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Aleman, Reisinger, Weiskind, Green, plus other relevant staff

Description: Communications staff will work with outreach staff to build awareness of GO TO 2040 policy activities at the regional, state, and federal levels. Manage policy-based media outreach, including liaison with external partners as needed. Prepare communication strategies for individual projects as needed, with involvement of outreach and legislative staff. Oversee production and quality control of policy-based print and web materials, including drill-down reports, issues-driven content, etc.

Products: Support for various policy projects, as needed throughout FY 2014.

2nd Quarter Progress: Assisted in preparation of reports on regional/state economic development practices and local fiscal impacts of development. Assisted with content for Economy section of new CMAP website.

3rd Quarter Objectives: Provide support for regional economic indicators on web (and possible report). Monitor and assist with major capital projects communication, in conjunction with plan update. Support anticipated Policy Updates on tax reform or housing. Support legislative updates and print materials. Help as needed with prep for DC trip(s) by Randy.

Partnerships and External Talks

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Reisinger, Kane, Garritano, plus other relevant staff

Description: GO TO 2040 implementation depends on a continually expanding base of engaged stakeholders, including governments, businesses, non-profits, and residents. To identify and engage such targets, the outreach staff will lead these efforts with support from the communications and executive staff, who can help with coordination, scheduling, preparation of talking points and other

materials, etc. Outreach staff should take the lead, with help from communications, in finding opportunities for Randy and other staff to give public talks, especially to audiences targeted strategically for timely CMAP products and priorities.

Products: Various outreach activities and related communications support, as needed throughout FY 2014.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- 10/1 American Public Transit Association panel – Innovative Approaches to Public Engagement (EA)
- 10/2 Testimony to Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force
- 10/15 UIC Great Cities Institute’s Fall Speaker Series – Real Time Chicago (on freight)
- 10/21 The Future of Chicago Series at UIC
- 10/24 Cook County Consolidated Plan kick-off
- 11/5 FHWA Scenario Planning webinar (EA)
- 11/6 ULI Annual Meeting of the Public Development and Infrastructure Council
- 11/12 IRTBA emerging leaders program
- 11/14 Bond Buyers Conference, Transportation Finance and P3 Conference
- 11/20 Welcome to Green Town Conference advisory committee
- 12/3 UIC GCI panel on transit governance
- 12/5 UIC Urban Forum panelist on manufacturing/concluding remarks
- 12/9 CMAP health first symposium welcome
- 12/12 Master of ceremonies for Cook County Growing our Regional Economy event

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to identify speaking opportunities
- 1/23 IFF annual investors meeting
- 1/25 Illinois Parks and Recreation Conference – GO TO 2040: A Plan to Preserve our Parks and Open Spaces (EA/TD)
- 2/16 International Right of Way Association (IROW) Chicago Chapter 12 (EA)

Media Relations

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Green, Reisinger

Description: Communications staff will proactively identify opportunities for coverage by traditional and new media, while also responding to media requests. The emphasis is on transparency, including advocacy when appropriate. Monthly tip sheets will be sent to keep reporters apprised of CMAP activities. Press releases and advisories are sent as needed. Maintain a current database of media contacts. Manage staff interactions with media. Maintain up-to-date web archives of news products and media coverage at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/news>.

Products: Various electronic and print materials, as needed throughout FY 2014.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Managed media related to conclusion of the Illiana review process in October.
- Submitted op-eds for Tribune by Mayor Bennett (Illiana in October) and Randy (congestion pricing in November).
- Issued press releases on LTA round 3 and CMAQ grants.
- Sent out tip sheets in October, November, December, pitched reporters on occasional stories and fielded periodic media requests.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Issue press release on fair housing report.
- Develop media strategy for spring 2014 regarding major capital projects in context of the draft plan update.
- Distribute tip sheets and pitch reporters as appropriate.

Moving Forward, 2013: Implementation Report

Project Manager: Garritano

Team: Weiskind, Green, Nguyen, Reisinger, plus other relevant staff

Description: The 2012 annual GO TO 2400 implementation report (<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/moving-forward/2012>) expanded on the first report, taking a quantitative approach. In FY14, we plan to return to a qualitative description of partners' and stakeholders' implementation successes. Precise format is subject to internal discussion but should be graphically consistent with the first two reports. This report will also be used as part of the GO TO 2040 update, which will involve the preparation of updated implementation action area tables. Approximately 4,000 units of the summary should be printed commercially, and the longer report can be printed internally in smaller quantities as needed.

Products and Key Dates: Full report for distribution at January board meeting, with the summary printed and website launched by the February board meeting. If the report doesn't require board approval, we could have all three ready by the January board meeting.

2nd Quarter Progress: Collected content in October-November, finalized report and poster in December for distribution at January 8 Board meeting.

3rd Quarter Objectives: Complete, apart from on-going distribution of report.

Graphic Design and Publication Management

Project Manager: Adam Weiskind

Team: Garritano, Green, Nguyen, Reisinger, plus other relevant staff

Description: Communications staff will provide graphic design and related publications assistance to CMAP staff when materials meet that threshold as identified by deputies and CMAP executive leadership. This project entails creating information graphics and laying out most primary CMAP documents with InDesign. Also includes overseeing the efforts of non-communications staff who are using InDesign for their own documents where CMAP is in a support role (e.g., for local comprehensive plans and related outreach). Whenever feasible, these materials should be printed in-house, and this project's manager is responsible for determining whether a larger job might require off-site commercial printing.

Products and Key Dates: Various electronic and print materials, as needed throughout FY 2014.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Design/completion of 2013 Implementation Report, including print procurement
- Layout and design of LTA Plans -- Antioch, Round Lake Heights, Elgin, Prairie Grove, McHenry, Crystal Lake
- Start/complete design of infographics and layout for Economic Development Practices report
- Start/complete design of infographics and cover for Fiscal and Economic Impacts of Development
- Continued design of promotional materials for LTA events
- Continued graphic support for CMAP website and microsites
- Continued development of policy-based information graphics for distribution by web, video, and print
- Continued design support for LTA project staff and community partners in developing new content for print and web distribution
- Continued design of CMAP publication covers for quarterly staff report, etc.

- Continued design of MetroPulse/Regional Indicators infographics and website
- Continue design and updates of program materials for FLIP, Lawn to Lake, TIP, CMAQ, Soles and Spokes, and more
- Continue management of graphic design intern
- Continued oversight of LTA staff using CMAP plan and poster/postcard templates in creation of CMAP documents
- Mentoring CMAP LTA staff through Adobe Creative Suite training
- Continued collaboration with external consultants in developing CMAP identity elements for web and print materials – New CMAP artwork/elements
- Continued design of infographics for 2014 Homes report

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Layout and design of LTA Plans -- Westchester, Morton Grove, Oswego, Big Rock, Kane County
- Assist in design/create covers for New Horizon and Kane County food reports, Hoffman Estates, Cook trails
- Completion of cover and design assistance for EI2 report
- Completion of design of MetroPulse/Regional Indicators infographics and website
- Design of Immigration integration toolkit
- Completion of design of Homes report
- Design of CMAP overview informational tri-fold
- Design of Lawn-to-Lakes brochure
- Continued design of promotional materials for LTA events
- Continued graphic support for CMAP website and microsites
- Continued development of policy-based information graphics for distribution by web, video, and print
- Continued design support for LTA project staff and community partners in developing new content for print and web distribution
- Continued design of CMAP publication covers for quarterly staff report, etc.
- Continue design and updates of program materials for FLIP, Lawn to Lake, TIP, CMAQ, Soles and Spokes, and more
- Continue management of graphic design intern; begin advertising for a following intern for 2014-2015
- Continued oversight of LTA staff using CMAP plan and poster/postcard templates in creation of CMAP documents

- Mentoring CMAP LTA staff through Adobe Creative Suite training
- Continued collaboration with external consultants in developing CMAP identity elements for web and print materials – New CMAP artwork/elements
- Working with external printers as needed
- Continued organization of CMAP infographics repository

Website Redesign and Rollout

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Green, Nguyen, Reisinger, Weiskind, plus other relevant staff

Description: CMAP communications staff is working with web design and development consultants to create a new website that is more responsive to the needs of our agency and the region. In spring 2013, staff conducted an inventory of the current site to prioritize content conversion to the new format.

Products and Key Dates: The redesign effort began in FY 2013 and culminated in relaunch of the main CMAP site on December 3, 2013.

2nd Quarter Progress: The new site was demoed to CMAP executive staff in mid-November prior to launch. Extensive development work and collaboration involving communications staff, Workstate web contractors, and Thirst design consultants. Existing site content was ported over and new content was developed for the launch. A deep security scan of the site was conducted by IT group consultants SLG the weekend prior of November 23, and no major issues were identified. A couple of minor issues were identified and addressed.

3rd Quarter Objectives: Project is now complete.

Web Content Management

Project Manager: Hillary Green

Team: Garritano, Nguyen, Reisinger, Weiskind, plus other relevant staff

Description: CMAP communications staff is responsible for helping others at the agency to prepare, post, and maintain their web-based content. Encourage and coordinate efforts of staff to communicate via the web. As part of the responsibility, this project also includes (with the Web Development and Administration project) co-management of CMAP's web consultants. Includes management of social media, including Twitter, Facebook, Google Plus, Pinterest, and YouTube.

Products and Key Dates: Work with the CMAP web front-end developer to prepare Google Analytics reports on all public-facing web content.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Continued migration and parsing of CMAP web pages.

- Developed tutorial for staff regarding new web site features.
- Coordinated web activities with media outreach for culminating LTA projects. Further enhance the CMAP web news archive.
- Continued to expand social media presence, specifically on Google + and Pinterest,
- Helped policy, planning, and programming staff to develop content, including blogs for bike-ped, Policy Updates, and Weekly Updates.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Develop web content management training materials, including Google Analytics tutorial.
- Analyze Google Analytics data and implement changes to improve SEO and user experience.
- Continue to expand social media presence, specifically on Google + and Pinterest
- Help policy, planning, and programming staff to develop content, including blogs for bike-ped, Policy Updates, and Weekly Updates.

Web Development and Administration

Project Manager: John Nguyen

Team: Garritano, Green, Reisinger, Weiskind, plus other relevant staff

Description: CMAP communications staff is responsible for developing -- and overseeing the development of -- web content using the Liferay content management system and related technologies (java, SQL, etc.). This project also includes (with the Web Content Management project) co-management of CMAP's web consultants, especially pertaining to technical tasks of development, maintenance, and security of the agency's main site. With IT and data staff, help to make technical decisions about and to oversee successful development of any public-facing CMAP systems that are not part of the main agency website (i.e., hosted on data.cmap.illinois.gov or elsewhere). For all web development projects, ensure that they have the ability to extend for mobility, that they follow CMAP's style guides, and that they work continually to improve accessibility and usability. Help the CMAP web communications specialist and other staff with Google Analytics.

Products and Key Dates: Provide CMAP staff with an integrated, standardized workflow for all web development projects. Make all of CMAP's interactive maps on the web cross-browser compatible.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Launched redesigned website.
- Continued specialized CMAP page migration and parsing for the new website.
- Continued front-end development of CMAP website for old and new website.

- Completed design and development for MetroPulse pages.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Provide supplementary support for the data hub project.
- Continue to coordinate with consultants for design tweaks, development debugging, and hosting optimizations.
- Updating technology source of existing content such as the GO TO 2040 Case Studies Library.

Public Data Systems Support

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Nguyen, Green, Weiskind, Heither, Clark, Rogus, Tiedemann, plus other relevant staff

Description: Communications staff will work with staff from Research and Analysis, IT, and other groups to help make technical decisions about and to oversee successful development of any public-facing CMAP systems that are not part of the main agency website (i.e., hosted on data.cmap.illinois.gov or elsewhere). Initially, emphasis should be on making data available through simple web pages (browse, search, download) rather than development of new interfaces.

Products and Key Dates: Describe a clear process for facilitating decisions and for making high-priority content available through the main CMAP website. Consult with Thirst on facilitating usability design at earliest stage of all projects, before development begins. Convene Google Analytics training for selected CMAP staff. Identify potential new public systems for development. Explore possible transition of CMAP Data Sharing Hub to www.cmap.illinois.gov.

2nd Quarter Progress: The core group met on October 23 and December 10 to review contracts status and to discuss progress of projects including the Data Hub, aerial image archive, and regional indicators. Redesigned the MetroPulse content for our new website in time for its December 3 launch, adding several dozen new Community Indicators (separate from CMAP's GO TO 2040 indicators) from the Chicago Community Trust, plus data snapshots for the 77 Chicago Community Areas. Met with other staff -- with Thirst design integration consultants under PAO-G -- to strategize a new data-centric web content to be launched after the plan update is complete. That would be accomplished following an RFP to be issued by February 28, 2013

3rd Quarter Objectives: Continue meeting roughly once per month with the core group, which will review the draft RFP resulting from PAO-G. Draft the RFP and issue it by February 28, for approval at the Board's meeting in May.

Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP)

Project Manager: Ricardo Lopez

Team: Aleman, Bayley, Daly, Rivera, Yeung

Description: This is a leadership development program for high school students. Selected participants will collaborate with and learn from elected officials and planners who are implementing the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan. The program runs from October 2013 to May 2014 and provides ongoing leadership development, teaching them about past, present, and future regional planning issues from elected officials, community leaders and CMAP staff. Through multimedia tools, interactive activities and field trips, students go “behind the scenes” to explore our region’s communities. Topics include: transportation, housing, human services, land use, economic development and the environment. In addition to learning how local governments interact to address these important regional needs, students will have opportunities to engage with other students to think about the ways planning could be improved and/or changed. Students will present their resolutions at the end of the sessions to the CMAP Board.

Products and Key Dates: recruitment strategy with application (March 2013); program curriculum (August 2013); student selection and notification (September 2013); site selection for Final Project (March 2014); monthly meetings and activities (September 2013 – April 2014); Final Project (May 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Parent Orientation took place October 5, 2013 at CMAP.
- FLIP retreat was held on October 19, 2013 at Washington Park in Chicago. Students and staff participated in leadership activities facilitated by professional group Synartesis.
- Completed first two sessions. Session one was held on November 9th at CMAP offices where participants simulated different civic and community circumstances in a morning activity called FLIPville. An afternoon lunch panel discussion followed with Urban Planning experts. Session two took place on December 7th and students visited the Plant Chicago and Growing Power urban farm for guided tour and presentations.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Complete sessions 3, 4, and 5 as schedule.
- Work with FLIP interns to document session summaries and photos.
- Promote FLIP sessions through social media.
- Promote 2014-15 FLIP application.

PERFORMANCE-BASED PROGRAMMING PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Jesse Elam

Performance-based funding is a major transportation policy priority of GO TO 2040, and the “Invest Strategically in Transportation” chapter devotes an implementation action area section to “Finding Cost and Investment Efficiencies.” While the Plan also recommends new or innovative revenue sources, the larger emphasis is on making more cooperative, transparent, and prioritized decisions, using the best evaluation criteria possible. The recommendation is targeted toward multiple transportation implementers, but most specifically toward CMAP, which should make the best investment decisions possible with the dollars available. This new core program will coordinate staff efforts to optimize MPO programming functions (CMAQ, Transportation Alternatives) and to develop the region’s capacity to evaluate the larger universe of transportation expenditures and needs in northeastern Illinois. The intention is to target these process and evaluation improvements to achieve adopted regional mobility goals.

CMAQ Program Process Evaluation and Transformation

Project Manager: Jesse Elam

Team: Beata, D. Ferguson, Murtha, Frank, Peterson

Description: CMAQ is directly programmed by CMAP, and it is crucial that the analysis supporting program development is effective. In FY 14, staff will perform a thorough review of the CMAQ program leading to recommendations to the Board and MPO Policy Committee on any changes needed to the CMAQ process, potentially including a set of clear performance measures for project identification and evaluation, regional indicators to enable an understanding of tradeoffs, and the methods most effective and efficient to manage this program. Any recommendations for changes to the CMAQ program would go into effect with the next funding cycle and would not be used in the development of the current (FY 14 – 18) program. The methods employed in CMAQ should also be effectively deployed for Transportation Alternatives, a new program under MAP-21. This project will include evaluation of infrastructure, technology and modernization, operating, and vehicle purchase projects, consistent with the mix of projects programmed by CMAQ.

Products and Key Dates: Conduct staff evaluation of internal process including assessment of qualitative and quantitative metrics, program resource needs, project performance and monitoring, etc. (December 2013); begin committee and subcommittee process to prioritize list of comprehensive performance measure criteria, develop program indicators to track and communicate program outcomes, and provide feedback on other program changes (January 2014); present CMAQ programming process recommendations to Board/MPO Policy Committee for approval and begin using in next CMAQ call for projects (begins FY 15).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Made initial presentation on CMAQ process review to Project Selection Committee in October and presented memo on criteria and project scoring techniques from other MPOs at the committee's meeting in December.
- Completed full draft of process review document.
- Prepared initial recommendation on criteria and scoring techniques for the CMAQ program.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Present recommended criteria and scoring techniques to Project Selection Committee and certain other committees.
- Respond to committee input and provide more detail on scoring system.

Transportation Alternatives Program

Project Manager: Jesse Elam

Team: Beata, D. Ferguson, Murtha, O'Neal

Description: The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a new program under MAP-21, and a new source of programming authority for metropolitan regions. In concert with the CMAQ work, staff will develop a process to incorporate a set of clear performance measures for project evaluation, regional indicators to enable an understanding of tradeoffs, as well as define and implement the most effective and efficient methods to manage this program. Close coordination between CMAQ and TAP will be required. The first call for projects for TAP is anticipated to be in FY14.

Products and Key Dates: Develop list of comprehensive performance measure criteria in coordination with projects below (December 2013); begin committee and subcommittee process to prioritize list of comprehensive performance measure criteria, develop program indicators to track and communicate program outcomes, and provide feedback on other TAP program elements (January 2014); announce call for TAP projects (TBD). Develop final list of comprehensive performance measure criteria in coordination with projects below, for coordination with CMAQ programming (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Management decided to accelerate the overall timetable for selecting TAP projects, so elements of the program are occurring earlier than originally planned.
- Completed due diligence on high-ranking projects to verify information in applications and help make sure they will achieve their interim accomplishment goals.
- Developed staff-recommended program and presented to Working Committees.
- Held public comment period.
- Coordinated program recommendations with IDOT to assure that project programming is not duplicated.

- Presented final program to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force. Prepared final recommendation for Board and Policy Committee approval early in the 3rd Quarter.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Final approval of the proposed TAP Program by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.
- Have project kickoff meeting for TAP January, 2014.
- Begin monitoring project implementation using Funding Sunset and Accomplishment Goals set out for approved projects the TAP Application Booklet.

Regional Transportation Performance Measures: Phase 1 Prioritization and Development

Project Manager: Tom Murtha

Team: Beata, Dubernat, Frank, Nicholas, Rice, Schmidt, Bozic

Description: A major component of CMAP's Congestion Management Process is to apply a set of regional performance measures (as initially developed during the GO TO 2040 process) for use in programming decisions. With dozens of potential performance measures in this universe, it is essential to prioritize and phase how these data will be deployed. The major thrust of this work will be to develop 1) criteria for identifying and evaluating projects and 2) the indicators to enable an understanding of tradeoffs, both for CMAP's programs (CMAQ and TAP) as well as for other state and regional transportation capital programs, with a focus on modernization and expansion projects. The focus of this project is on data prioritization, continued data acquisition and processing, and ongoing analysis of data gaps accompanied by a plan to fill them. This project will also coordinate the ITS, signal, and parking databases for the agency.

Products and Key Dates: Develop draft list of comprehensive performance measure criteria and indicators in coordination with the CMAQ team (December 2013); develop prioritized Phase 1 and 2 list of comprehensive performance measures for highway modernization projects (January 2014) and expansion projects (February 2014); develop plan for filling data gaps for Phase 2 measures (February 2014); data acquisition (ongoing); Congestion Management Documentation as needed (ongoing); coordinate various databases (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Completed evaluation of performance measures using criteria.
- Began summarization into lists for Phase I and Phase 2 development.
- Initiated discussions with Research and Analysis on analytical deployment of performance measures.

- Worked with FHWA and IDOT to acquire two key travel time datasets, the first National Highway System dataset directly from Here and the second broad arterial dataset processed by Midwest Software Solutions.
- Provided feedback for GO TO 2040 indicator update project.
- Continued to provide support for the update of performance measure and congestion management web pages.
- Changes to the National Highway System (NHS) were recommended for approval by the MPO Policy Committee to IDOT. The National Highway System is a basis for performance data collection and analysis.
- Began preparation of annual expressway atlas update.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Complete performance measure phase I and phase II summary lists.
- Continue performance measure data collection and analysis.
- Continue maintenance of congestion management documentation and performance measurement web pages.
- Begin preparation of demonstration datasets for CMAQ programming purposes for delivery in the fourth quarter.
- Complete annual expressway atlas update, with transmittal to IDOT by February 1, 2014.

Livability Performance Measures: Phase 1 Prioritization and Development

Project Manager: Liz Schuh

Team: Beata, Dubernat, Frank, Rice, Williams-Clark

Description: The focus of this project will be to develop a prioritized set of non-transportation criteria and indicators (including land use and housing, socioeconomic, and environmental) for use in programming decisions. The products and key dates are identical to the project above, but this project will focus on non-transportation performance measures and regional indicators.

Products and Key Dates: Develop draft list of comprehensive performance measure criteria and indicators in coordination with the CMAQ team (December 2013); develop prioritized Phase 1 and 2 list of comprehensive performance measures for highway modernization projects (January 2014) and expansion projects (February 2014); develop plan for filling data gaps for Phase 2 measures (February 2014); data acquisition (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Staff completed analysis of other MPOs' use of livability metrics in the transportation funding process.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- None.

Modeling and Analytical Deployment for Programming Analysis

Project Manager: Claire Bozic

Team: Heither, N. Ferguson, Murtha, Rodriguez, Schmidt, Schuh, Wies

Description: While the agency has already developed the capacity to model the impacts of major capital projects (both in long range planning processes and for major project development undertakings), it is necessary to understand the resources required to make these or similar analyses scalable to a performance-based programming process. The two projects above will prioritize a set of performance measures for programming decisions, but effective deployment of the agency's modeling and analytical tools is also necessary to equate changes in project attributes (project limits, geometrics, work type, cost, etc.) to the criteria selected. It will also be necessary to use selected regional indicators to measure different scenarios. The focus of this project is to create a plan for this deployment, including the necessary resource allocation, to ensure that by the end of the fiscal year the agency can efficiently and effectively analyze a large number of transportation projects.

Products and Key Dates: Modeling and Analytical Deployment Plan (December 2013); staff resource allocation to support CMAQ, modernization, and expansion efforts (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- An understanding of short and long term analysis needs was developed. Significant progress was made writing the Draft Modeling and Analytical Deployment Plan, however other priorities have prevented it from being completed.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Develop an inventory of data and tools needed to undertake the required analysis, both in the shorter term and longer term. Complete the draft Modeling and Analytical Deployment Plan.

Capital Program Data Transformation

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Team: Beata, Dobbs, D. Ferguson, Frank, Nicholas

Description: The purpose of this project is to transform the way the agency collects the attributes of capital transportation projects and how it manages the data in order to implement a performance-based programming process. The initial focus will be on two major sets of capital projects- the IDOT Highway Improvement Program and the RTA and service board transit capital programs. This project will transform the data infrastructure, acquire the necessary data, organize and prioritize the data attributes

including geospatial data. Implementation of the recommended new system would occur starting in FY 15.

Products and Key Dates: Scope capital program data transformation (January 2014); prepare recommendations on new databases, methods, and project attributes needed to support analysis of highway and transit capital programs (June 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Project has not begun.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Begin background research.
- Complete scope development.

Targeting Infrastructure Investment for Plan Implementation

Project Manager: Bob Dean

Team: Burch, Daly, Elam, Williams-Clark, Zwiebach

Description: GO TO 2040 calls for the development of implementation programs that link transportation, land use, and housing in support of plan goals, including a funding source to be used for infrastructure investments that support livability. This project will investigate the potential for focusing investments on particular places based on criteria such as job density, proximity to existing infrastructure, and other measures that represent livability. The research will investigate the applicability of other regional models to the CMAP region and research potential funding sources.

Products and Key Dates: Summary of focused programs in other regions (November 2013); summary of potential funding programs and administrative options (April 2014).

2nd Quarter Objectives:

- Created outline of report summarizing programs in other regions.
- Created outline of report communicating benefits of a program that targets infrastructure investment.
- Continued to explore membership of a small working group to guide CMAP's research on these issues.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Create draft report summarizing programs in other regions.
- Create draft report communicating benefits of a program that targets infrastructure investment.

- Hold first meeting of small working group to guide CMAP's research on these issues.
- Also form a larger advisory committee to introduce the topic and receive feedback on work conducted to date.

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Kermit Wies

GO TO 2040 calls for improved access to information and development of advanced modeling and forecasting tools. This core program's primary mission is to ensure that CMAP staff and planning partners have access to quality data resources and state-of-the-art analysis tools supported by a well-trained research team that is fully engaged in the technical implementation challenges of the plan.

AREA 1: Regional Information and Data Development

Program Manager: David Clark

This program serves as a primary data resource for regional land use and transportation planning in our region and supports CMAP's ongoing data exchange and dissemination activities. It provides data and technical support to several ongoing regional planning and policy initiatives including implementation of GO TO 2040. The program benefits CMAP staff and partners who rely on current and reliable data resources to conduct planning analyses.

Regional Inventories

Project Manager: David Clark

Team: Rice, Morck, Drennan, Pedersen, Hallas, Peterson, N. Ferguson, Chau, Vernon

Description: Development and maintenance of specialized datasets used in regional planning and policy analysis. Many of these datasets originate with CMAP and are specially designed to support such evaluations. Major tasks include maintaining and updating spatial and tabular datasets that serve Agency needs including land use inventory, development database, employment and population data from Census, aerial imagery and other sources, as well as content monitoring and quality control of indicators appearing in GO TO 2040.

Products and Key Dates: Land Use Inventory (March, 2014). Employment data (updated quarterly). Development data (updated quarterly). Census updates (per release schedule), aerial imagery (per County Consortium schedule). Update and document datasets per maintenance schedule and coordinate with Data Library Management and Data Sharing Hub for internal and external access (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

Socio-Economic Data:

- Census: Latest American Community Survey five-year (2008 – 2012) release processed and posted in the Data Depot.
- Employment: Completed geo-refinement of 2011 file. Began compilation of final 2011 estimates. Began SIC to NAICS conversion of the updated 2000 file.

Land Use:

- Development Database: Reviewed post-2000 records in 3 Chicago Community Areas. Reviewed post-2000 records in 5 suburban communities for LTA projects. Posted updated version of database to Data Depot.
- Land Use Inventory: Q.C. work on Will and Cook counties continues.

Aerial Photography: Budget request of \$50,000 submitted for 2014 aerial imagery acquisition through the Northeast Illinois (NEIL) consortium.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

Socio-Economic Data:

- Census: Develop means for staff to be able to easily access Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) data.
- Employment: Complete final 2011 estimate file by major geographies. Generate updated 2000 file by same geographies. Begin processing of 2012 file, incorporating corrections made earlier. Generate draft 2012 estimate file.
- Conformity Inputs: Assemble soc-ec file for C14Q3 Conformity Analysis, including updated variables from ACS 2008 – 2012 (government shutdown prevented ACS data from being ready in time for C14Q1 Conformity).

Land Use:

- Development Database: Complete post-2000 review in remaining Chicago Community Areas. Complete update in suburban communities identified by LTA staff.
- Land Use Inventory: Completion of Will and Cook Q.C., begin Kane and Lake. Completion of all Cook County work (including metadata), deliver to Cook County GIS Department to satisfy contract requirements (due mid-March).

Aerial Photography: Take delivery of 2012 high-resolution (6") imagery from NEIL consortium.

Data Library Management

Project Manager: Jessica Matthews

Team: Dubernat, Clark, Vernon, Interns

Description: Acquire and catalog new data and archive obsolete datasets. Monitor procurement and licensing of proprietary datasets. Establish protocols for metadata and attribution. Enforce proprietary dissemination and license agreements. Import and catalog newly-released Census and other public data products. Maintain data integration between CMAP web-domain and internal data libraries. Document data library practices on CMAP Wiki and ensure that datasets forwarded to the Data-Sharing Hub include sufficient metadata.

Products and Key Dates: Data library architecture and content, procurement documentation, metadata, user documentation, management documentation (ongoing). Inventory datasets that require maintenance and set update schedule (September, 2013).

2nd Quarter Progress:

The work to incorporate new tools continues, with the quarter centering on locating and reconstructing the transformation of data, and documenting the processes. The automation of data request and announcements has been considered. There are guidelines for the usage of the electronic library.

| Objective | Value-Added | % Met |
|---|---|-------|
| Incorporate GOTO 2040 in MetroPulse Archive | CMAP staff can easily locate data sources, methodologies, and other important details. | 100% |
| Automate data request via Help Desk portal | Redirected to SharePoint as preferred tool* | 0 |
| Create data request template | Redirected to SharePoint as preferred tool* | 0 |
| Research and execute methods for extracting datasets | Understand data processing steps then document how | 100% |
| Write instructions for populating electronic library with datasets | Standardize data entry procedures and formats present a predictable and uniformed database for retrieving metadata. | 100% |
| *We are evaluating the capabilities of the CMAP's SharePoint installation to manage task. | | 60% |

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Structure process flow for sharing data housed at CMAP on Data Sharing Hub.
- Craft teaching to discuss storage reduction.
- Reverse engineer data processing by previous data librarian.
- Scour Wiki site and network drive for information about data.
- Facilitate a discussions with Subject Matter Expert (SME) to become familiarize with process.
- Document findings for future usage.

Data Sharing Hub

Project Manager: Claire Bozic

Team: Matthews, Vernon, Dryla-Gaca

Description: Maintain CMAP's public data-sharing hub. Major tasks include ensuring that CMAP data products are made available and properly documented for public download. Suggest and test improvements to the current product and assess its potential for continued use. Promote use of the data-sharing hub over use of conventional file transfer protocols for disseminating large data resources.

Products and Key Dates: Assessment of current data-sharing hub product and recommendations for proceeding (September, 2013). Promotion of data-sharing hub for disseminating CMAP data products (March, 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- IT provided a development server, and the [software](#) was installed.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Sign second one-year optional contract renewal.
- Finalize changes to design elements in the development application.
- IT will provide production server.

External Data Requests

Project Manager: Jon Hallas

Team: Other staff as needed.

Description: Respond to public requests for static data and information. Major tasks are to respond external requests for data housed at CMAP and to assist in directing requestors to appropriate sources of information such as Census or other agencies. Included are responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) requests.

Products and Key Dates: Accessible documentation of external data requests, record of responses and inventory of personnel and level-of-effort required to complete (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Responses were provided for eighty-four external requests. Four FOIA requests were received and processed.
- Census Products for Urban Planning (CPUP) workshops introduce US Census Bureau programs and datasets and provide hands-on experience getting data for typical planning scenarios. Announcements promoting workshops were made during PL meetings and a program overview was given during an LTA Brownbag meeting. Workshops for staff and partners have been scheduled each month through June. Seven persons initially registered for workshops this quarter, but due to last minute cancellations, two persons attended.
- Year 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates were released on schedule in September. The Federal Government Shutdown from October 1, 2013 through October 16, 2013 resulted in closure of the U.S. Census Bureau website. As a result, release of 2012 ACS 3-year estimates and 2012 ACS 5-year estimates were delayed by approximately two weeks. Data downloads and processing were coordinated to make data available on the Data Depot.
- R and A information and data stored in eighteen files drawers were evaluated to be kept on-site, to be moved to off-site storage, or to be disposed. R and A staff were consulted as needed. Data from as early as the 1980's were included in the review.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Respond to FOIA requests and external requests on an ongoing basis. Make 2nd Quarter responses available on Wiki. Take annual FOIA Officer training.
- Continue to develop SharePoint tables to improve efficiency in finding requests, responses, and summaries.
- Continue to use Resources and Effort Ratings to quantify the agency's resources used to respond to public inquiries.
- Promote and present monthly CPUP workshops.

AREA 2: Regional Forecasting and Modeling

Program Manager: Craig Heither

This program serves CMAP's longstanding commitment to preparing regional forecasts and modeling analyses to support transportation, land use and environmental planning. In addition to maintaining standard modeling procedures essential to regional program and plan evaluations, this program implements CMAP's strategic plan for advanced model development in response to priority policy analyses and comprehensive regional planning questions established by GO TO 2040.

Advanced Urban Model Development

Project Manager: Kermit Wies

Team: Heither, Bozic, Rice

Description: Implement strategic plan for advanced modeling at CMAP. This plan establishes guidelines and priorities for improving the policy responsiveness of CMAP's forecasting, evaluation and analysis tools over a ten year period. Many of the improvements incorporate advanced agent-based and microsimulation techniques that provide more robust sensitivity to the policy objectives of GO TO 2040. Major tasks in this FY are to provide support to consulting teams developing 1) Network Microsimulation Extension to Activity-Based Travel Model and 2) Agent-Based Economic Extension to Mesoscale Freight Model as well as promote and support use of existing advanced modeling products among partners and GO TO 2040 implementation efforts.

Products and Key Dates: Support congestion pricing, transit modernization and major capital project implementation efforts at CMAP and among partners (ongoing); demonstrate application and sensitivity of Transit Modernization Model (December, 2013). Phase 2 deliverable of advanced modeling contracts (June, 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

Advanced modeling contracts: Completed prototype applications. For network microsimulation, this is a subarea application in northwest Cook County. For freight forecasting this is a spreadsheet demonstration of the commodity procurement model.

3rd Quarter Objectives

Advanced modeling contracts: Continue full application development. For network microsimulation: Initial draft report of full application. For freight forecasting: Incorporating procurement market game into existing mesoscale model.

Survey Research

Project Manager: Kermit Wies

Team: N. Ferguson, Vernon, Dryla-Gaca, graphics and outreach support as needed

Description: Implement strategic plan for survey research at CMAP. This plan establishes a strategy and management concept for conducting survey research at CMAP. It recommends that CMAP develop sufficient professional in-house capacity for survey design, sampling, materials preparation, communications, outreach and data management. Major tasks are to continue populating the Travel Tracker Survey with additional observations and to identify and scope at least two needed survey research efforts from among agency's current policy priorities (e.g. congestion pricing and freight). Conduct pilot tests among staff and partners.

Products and Key Dates: Scopes for Travel Tracker and at least two needed survey research efforts (September, 2013). Survey design and sampling plan (December, 2013). Evaluation of pilot tests (June, 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

Initiated discussion with executive staff of in-sourcing survey research, specifically the outreach commitment required by outreach and communications. This will be a topic of 3rd quarter strategic planning discussion.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

Present sampling plan to outreach staff and develop a recruitment approach through normal CMAP channels. Make a determination on the temporary staffing approach to fielding the survey. Finalize and implement the digital survey instrument.

Travel and Emissions Modeling

Project Manager: Craig Heither

Team: Bozic, Rodriguez, Peterson, N. Ferguson, Chau

Description: Maintenance and enhancement of existing MPO travel demand models. Major tasks are to provide travel demand forecasts for major capital project evaluations and conformity analyses. Included this year will be to review and incorporate socioeconomic forecasts associated with the GO TO 2040

update. Continue evaluating improved methods for representing commercial vehicle movements within the travel demand models.

Products and Key Dates: Conformity analyses and major capital project evaluations (as prescribed), socioeconomic forecast review (March, 2014).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Completed scenario modeling for biannual Air Quality Conformity Analysis (Spring 2014) and generated vehicle emissions input files for MOVES model.
- Continued modeling procedure improvements: finalized model setup for Emme 4 and implemented revised transit skimming procedures. Began testing an updated version of the mode choice model.
- Continued testing and analysis of the tour-based and supply chain freight model: continued refining underlying Meso freight model network, and evaluating employment-based procedures used to allocate truck trips to modeling zones. Completed additional testing of highway improvement scenarios using Meso Freight model as possible discussion topic for Regional Freight Leadership Task Force and initial sensitivity testing of logistics cost components.
- Completed approximately thirty small area traffic forecast requests.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Provide technical assistance for Major Capital Project modeling and analysis for plan update.
- Continue integration and testing of Trip Generation and Mode Choice-vehicle occupancy model improvements from consultant into regional modeling procedures. Finalize Trip Generation model analysis with respect to non-motorized trips.
- Continue Meso Freight Model improvements: begin implementing model code upgrades, continue creating refined model network and complete truck trip allocation analysis.

Transportation Data Analysis

Project Manager: Kermit Wies

Team: Bozic, Murtha, Heither, Clark, Hollander

Description: Scope the need and describe the content and organization of a central data resource of empirical transportation data for planning and policy analysis within CMAP. The major task is to design and illustrate the value of a data resource that permits systematic access to data used for TIP and CMP development in support of transportation finance and performance analyses. This project also absorbs further development of the Transportation Data Archive and incorporates the catalog of CMAP-prepared traffic projections.

Products and Key Dates: Product design report (December, 2013).

2nd Quarter Progress:

Continued improving accessibility to RTDAP and explore other similar resources regionwide. Drafted design outline for this project. The design outline is intended to covers the complete range of data resources available for conducting transportation analysis at CMAP, including key variables of interest in developing performance-based funding mechanisms.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

Continue work on the design outline for this project to include substantive accounts of the analyses being developed for CMAQ, TAP and MCP programs.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Program Oversight: Don Kopec

This program develops the region's TIP. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee track the use of local, state, and federal transportation funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of the TIP is to establish a short-term transportation program implementing the long-range transportation goals identified in GO TO 2040. Federal, state, and local policies and regulations are analyzed to assure CMAP's TIP satisfies these requirements; in the fall of 2014, the quadrennial certification review will formally examine CMAP's compliance. The region is required by federal law to develop and maintain a fiscally constrained TIP which, together with the fiscally constrained major capital projects in GO TO 2040, conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) which demonstrates how the region will attain the national ambient air quality standards.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Management

Project Manager: Patricia Berry

Team: Berry, Dixon, Dobbs, Kos, Ostdick, Patronskey, Pietrowiak

Description: Work with local, state and national partners to assure a regional perspective is considered for transportation maintenance, modernization and expansion investments. Ensure all local, state and federal requirements are met including fiscal constraint, public involvement, data accuracy, documentation and reporting. Provide assistance and outreach to TIP programmers to improve the efficiency of the TIP amendment process. Maintain and enhance resources, including the TIP database, reports, analyses and visualization tools, for use by local elected officials, implementers, staff and the public. Maintain ongoing communication with state and federal agencies and ensure these agencies understand the programming priorities of the region. Provide data and analyses of TIP implementation of GO TO 2040.

Products and Key Dates: Successful completion of quadrennial certification review; undertake a process review (October 2013) and develop a strategic plan (January 2014) for how the TIP is developed and managed; TIP with updates and amendments (ongoing – committee approvals required approximately nine times per year); comprehensive TIP document update (October 2014); TIP documentation including map, general public brochures, TIP dashboard, training materials/courses and web pages (ongoing); consultation with local, state and federal agencies (ongoing); TIP database maintenance to improve data quality and ease of implementer use (ongoing); exports of TIP data for use in public maps, analytic maps, dashboard presentations and other TIP analyses (ongoing); research and recommendation for comprehensive updates to TIP map and database.

2nd Quarter Progress:

Quadrennial Certification Review:

The Certification Review site visit and public meeting was completed on November 18-20, 2013. Preliminary review findings from USDOT were distributed November 20, 2013. CMAP staff began working with partner agencies to address the findings.

Process Review and Strategic Plan:

Finalized phase one of process review and strategic plan, reporting on federal requirements, certification recommendations, existing activities, TIP processes at three MPOs and internal interviews and reviewed with staff. Continued progress on phase two, developing recommendations on processes, program and database.

TIP with Updates and Amendments:

Staff continued regular review of TIP updates and amendment requests from programmers, including amendments affecting conformity. Staff assisted programmers with data entry and project-specific questions. The TIP was amended once this quarter.

Comprehensive TIP Document Update:

TIP document update schedule was revised to reflect beginning after the findings and recommendations of the process review. Public comment period was coordinated with GO TO 2040 outreach efforts.

TIP Documentation:

The TIP summary brochure and interactive TIP map were updated to reflect TIP amendments made this quarter. Staff worked extensively with Communications to update TIP related web pages for the rollout of the revised CMAP web site. FFY 2014 comprehensive calendar was created and approved.

TIP Database Maintenance:

Development testing and bug resolution for improvements to the database function and user interface continued. Development of training materials for TIP programmers, partner agency users, public users and staff also continued. Staff and the database consultant continued working with CMAP IT staff to make adjustments to the TIP database for the server configuration and increased data and network security.

Exports of TIP Data:

Project information used to develop the interactive TIP map and TIP Brochure was exported. Special request from the public for data available in currently unavailable dashboard was created.

Research and Recommendation for Comprehensive Updates to TIP map and Database:

Staff began to assess the need for ongoing database maintenance services versus large scale changes to the database structure and function in coordination with similar projects in the Research and Analysis and Performance Based Programming programs. An assessment of the effectiveness of the current maintenance contract was incorporated into the TIP Process Review.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

Quadrennial Certification Review:

Continue working with partner agencies to address the findings of the certification review.

Process Review and Strategic Plan:

Complete process review and strategic plan.

TIP with Updates and Amendments:

Regular review of TIP updates and amendment requests from programmers and programmer assistance will continue. Two TIP amendments are anticipated in addition to the semi-annual GO TO 2040/ TIP conformity analysis & TIP amendment, which will be considered by the MPO Policy Committee in March.

Comprehensive TIP Document Update:

Begin identification of necessary updates and develop a schedule and task assignments for completing those updates.

TIP Documentation:

The TIP summary brochure and interactive TIP map will be updated to reflect TIP amendments made this quarter. The TIP data and TIP Programmer Resources web pages will also be updated as needed.

TIP Database Maintenance:

Staff and the database consultant will continue working with CMAP IT staff to make adjustments to the TIP database for the server configuration. Development testing and bug resolution for improvements to the database function and user interface will continue until all bugs are resolved and the development database can be loaded into production. Development of training materials for TIP programmers, partner agency users, public users and staff will continue as changes to the database evolve. Prior to rolling out database changes in production, training will be scheduled for all database users.

Exports of TIP Data:

Regular data exports will occur. Exports in response to special requests will be executed as needed.

Research and Recommendation for Comprehensive Updates to TIP Map and Database:

Staff will continue to assess the need for ongoing database maintenance services verses large scale changes to the database structure and function in coordination with Research and Analysis and Performance Based Programming staff. The assessment will consider the results and recommendations of the TIP Performance Review.

Conformity of Plans and Program

Project Manager: Ross Patronsky

Team: Berry, Bozic, Dobbs, Heither, Kos, Wies

Description: Northeastern Illinois has historically not attained national ambient air quality standards for certain pollutants. It is currently classified as a non-attainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard adopted in 2008. In addition, while the region meets prior ozone standards and the fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards, federal regulations require steps to ensure that the standards continue to be met.

To meet the air quality requirements, the region must implement a transportation program which will help reduce levels of these pollutants or maintain the existing low levels. As part of the transportation planning and programming process, the impact of proposed transportation activities on the region's air quality is evaluated. This evaluation, called a conformity analysis, is submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their review before a long-range regional transportation plan or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is approved or amended. The conformity analysis must demonstrate that the emissions resulting from the plan and TIP meet the requirements of ("conform with") the regulations governing air quality. To ensure the flow of federal transportation funds to the region, state and federal legislative and regulatory changes are tracked and appropriate changes made, informed by the Tier II consultation process.

Products: Conformity analyses (as needed, minimum of twice a year in October and March); documentation of conformity process (ongoing); updated data used in conformity analyses (ongoing); support for development of State Implementation Plans (as needed); findings and interagency agreements from consultation process (ongoing, four to six meetings per year); analyses of air quality issues for regional decision-makers (as needed); mobile source greenhouse gas emissions estimates to support other agency work (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Conformity analyses:
 - Analyzed TIP project changes for conformity to be considered in March.
- Documentation of conformity process:
 - No action this quarter.
- Updated data used in conformity analyses:
 - Tested 2013 vehicle age profile in MOVES.
 - Tested effect of fleet size data ("source type population") based on Secretary of State records.
- Support development of State Implementation Plans:

- Discussed need for SIP revision to adjust budgets in light of higher emissions due to 2013 vehicle age profile.
- Monitored IEPA recommendation on nonattainment area for 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS.
- Findings and interagency agreements from consultation process:
 - Reviewed Illiana hot spot analysis.
 - Obtained concurrence to use 2008 vehicle age profile for next conformity analysis.
- Analyses of air quality issues for regional decision-makers:
 - Proposed designation of nonattainment area for new PM2.5 standard reviewed.
- Mobile source greenhouse gas emissions estimates to support other agency work:
 - Estimated greenhouse gas emissions for Red Line South major capital project.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Conformity analyses:
 - Release conformity amendment for public comment; respond to any comments received.
- Documentation of conformity process:
 - Incorporate documentation of travel demand model and MOVES process and input data into CMAP web site.
- Updated data used in conformity analyses:
 - Continue discussion of fleet size data with IEPA.
- Support development of State Implementation Plans:
 - Work with IEPA and USEPA to adjust maintenance SIP VOC budget.
 - No action required on ozone SIP or PM2.5 SIP (next action expected in FY 2015).
- Findings and interagency agreements from consultation process:
 - Meet with consultation team as needed – likely in February for conformity amendment, GO TO 2040 update status, and changes to SIP budgets.
- Analyses of air quality issues for regional decision-makers:
 - Submit comment on CMAQ interim guidance.
 - Monitor reassessment of ozone standard.
- Mobile source greenhouse gas emissions estimates to support other agency work:

- Estimate greenhouse gas emissions using MOVES emission rates – compare with inventory-based emissions.

CMAQ Program Development

Project Manager: Doug Ferguson

Team: Berry, Dobbs, Patronskey, Pietrowiak, Schaad, Kopec

Description: Based upon the current schedule for the development of the FY14-18 CMAQ Program, as FY14 begins, the proposed program will have been released for review by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee and the public. Work to be accomplished during FY14 includes securing recommendations for approval of the proposed program from the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, the Transportation Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee. Public comments will also be sought during this approval process. Comments received will be addressed and presented to the committees involved in the process. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to approve the program at their joint October meeting. Finally, the program will be submitted to USDOT and USEPA for their concurrence that the projects proposed are eligible.

Products and Key Dates: Proposed program recommended by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee (July 2013); response to public comments (September 2013); final program (October 2013).

2nd Quarter Progress:

FFY 2014-2018 Program Development:

The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the FY 2014-2018 Program on October 9, 2013 and October 17, 2013, respectively. All projects within the program were determined to be eligible for federal CMAQ funding by FHWA/FTA. The approved projects were added to the TIP and project sponsors were notified of the programming. All sponsors attended mandatory initiation meetings to learn about the Active Program Management policies and procedures that apply to the projects.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

FFY 2014-2018 Program Development:

Conduct a final initiation meeting with City of Chicago project managers to review the Active Program Management policies and procedures.

Active Program Management

Project Manager: Holly Ostidick

Team: Berry, Dixon, Dobbs, Kos, Patronskey, Pietrowiak, Schaad

Description: Actively manage local programs to ensure that transportation projects proceed in a timely manner, and all available funding is used efficiently. Develop fiscal marks and maintain fiscal constraint

in local programs and the TIP, provide guidance and support for the Council of Mayors (COM) and Planning Liaison program. Ensure communication between CMAP and municipal officials. Manage the adopted CMAQ program as specified in the policies adopted by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Prepare active program management reports to achieve regional expenditure targets.

Products and Key Dates: Fiscal marks (ongoing), program management reports and recommendations (ongoing); talking points for CMAP staff participating in COM/COG/TC meetings (ongoing); annual obligation analysis report (May 2014), review of CMAQ project status (November 2013 and May 2014); locally programmed project status assessments; accomplishment of CMAQ obligation goal for FFY 2014 (ongoing); CMAQ project cost/scope change request actions (ongoing); updated CMAQ management database (ongoing).

2nd Quarter Progress:

Fiscal Marks:

STP-L marks table was updated and approved. The TIP database was updated to reflect these updated marks. The state/regional resource table for FFY 2014 was created and concurred with by IDOT and RTA.

Program Management Reports and Recommendations:

Staff continued to track obligations and prepared a FFY13 STP-L expenditure report. Used CMAQ obligations to update CMAQ expenditure report once, and prepare active program management reports for CMAQ PSC.

Talking Points for CMAP Staff Participating in COM/COG/TC Meetings:

Talking points are updated after every weekly email, if relevant. Talking points are also updated as staff makes requests to inform local municipalities of reports, classes or any other relevant information at the agency.

Annual Obligation Analysis Report:

Final draft was prepared.

Review of CMAQ Project Status:

Staff conducted the 3rd calendar quarter transit reports. October Status Updates were requested for all CMAQ line items programmed in 2013 – 2015 and all deferred line items. The results were analyzed and presented to the Project Selection Committee.

Locally Programmed Project Status Assessments:

Staff continued to participate in the FHWA/IDOT phase one process review in order to ultimately make recommendations on how to make the phase one engineering process work more efficiently.

Accomplishment of CMAQ Obligation Goal for FFY 2014:

Obligation of CMAQ funds were tracked throughout the quarter and staff determined that the FFY 2013 Obligation Goal was met. The format and content of the Programming Summary and Obligations Goals report was revised to better inform Project Selection Committee and staff decisions regarding cost changes and reinstatement of deferred funds. Tracking of FFY2014 obligations began

CMAQ Project Cost/Scope Change Request Actions:

Staff evaluated and analyzed eight project changes. Staff continually receives phone calls regarding possible scope and cost change requests and advises appropriately. Additionally, staff reviewed TIP changes for CMAQ projects to ensure accurate reflection of programming status and funding.

Updated CMAQ Management Database:

Staff updated the CMAQ management database to provide revised Program Summary Reports for deferred line items.

Outreach with Councils and local Municipalities:

Staff worked with the PLs to coordinate outreach public comment opportunity locations for the GO TO 2040 update. Staff continues to attend sub-regional Council of Mayors transportation technical meetings to supply technical support.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee:

Staff prepared materials, collected RSVP's, and staffed one Council of Mayors Executive Committee. The agenda included information on the Transportation Alternatives Program, GO TO 2040 update, STP-L funding marks, USDOT certification review, City of Chicago regional project, advanced funding and the local technical assistance program.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

Fiscal Marks:

No anticipated objectives during the 3rd Quarter.

Program Management Reports and Recommendations:

The CMAQ obligation report and current program status reports will continue to be updated for CMAQ PSC meetings. Research will begin on preparing a non-'siloed' local programs report.

Talking Points for CMAP Staff Participating in COM/COG/TC Meetings:

Talking points are updated after every weekly email, if relevant. Talking points are also updated as staff makes requests to inform local municipalities of reports, classes or any other relevant information at the agency.

Annual Obligation Analysis Report:

Finalization and publication of the annual obligation analysis report for FFY 2012. Staff will begin to research an updated process to collect municipal expenditures and relay them in the report. Collection of FFY 2013 data from IDOT will begin in preparation for the FFY 2013 obligation and analysis report.

Review of CMAQ Project Status:

Staff will continue to assist implementers with keeping projects on track and will monitor progress of projects through review of Local Agency Agreements and FMIS obligations.

Locally Programmed Project Status Assessments:

Staff will hold individual meetings with each council of mayors and IDOT to discuss local project status.

Accomplishment of CMAQ Obligation Goal for FFY 2014:

Staff will continue tracking obligations in FFY 2014 to assess accomplishment of the goal.

CMAQ Project Cost/Scope Change Request Actions:

Staff will continue to provide assistance to those seeking cost/scope changes as well as analyzing and reporting the changes to the CMAQ PSC for consideration.

Updated CMAQ Management Database:

Staff will continue to monitor the CMAQ management database and make any enhancements as needed.

Outreach with Councils and local Municipalities:

Staff will continue to coordinate outreach with the Council of Mayors and attend Council of Mayors technical committees.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee:

Staff will prepare materials and staff the January 28, 2014 Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Matt Rogus

This program provides for the design, acquisition, deployment and management of computing and telecommunications resources at CMAP. This program also facilitates the electronic exchange of raw data within and between CMAP and other agencies and organizations.

Internal Hardware and Software Management

Project Manager: Matt Rogus

Team: Stromberg, Tiedemann, contract support

Description: CMAP's daily operation depends on a robust and functional computer network for data analysis, work program documentation and employee communications. This project consists of daily management and monitoring of internal computer network performance. It includes the acquisition, licensing, installation and maintenance of all software applications, as well as server hardware systems and other related equipment. It also provides limited user-support to CMAP employees.

Resources: Server and workstation hardware, data storage, desktop software applications

Products: Agency data products, documentation, and employee communications

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Implemented process for accessing Regional Transportation Data Archive using SAS.
- Implemented new SPAM filtering service.
- Implemented remote video casting to multiple conference rooms.
- Implemented firewall upgrade in Phoenix facility.
- Began development of plan for enterprise 10Gb network upgrade.
- Began testing enterprise backup solution.
- Developed annual FY14 IT procurement.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- To develop audio/video update plan for Cook and DuPage Conference rooms.
- To continue with development of plan for enterprise 10Gb network upgrade.
- To develop plan for implementing enterprise backup solution.
- To begin implementing annual FY14 IT procurement.
- To implement new Dell network storage solution in Phoenix facility.
- To complete Phase 2 of IFAS system BC plan, VM failover and remote data center.

- To implement maintenance and backup strategy for R&A Wiki application.
- To begin researching Windows 8 enterprise for mobile devices.

Web Infrastructure Management

Project Manager: Lance Tiedemann

Team: Stromberg, Rogus, contracted support, CMAP project managers of web sites and services

Description: Web infrastructure management consists of procuring, deploying, and administering the hardware, software, and network infrastructure used by web applications and data services hosted at CMAP. Internally, project collaboration and project management have been augmented by several specialized content management systems. Externally, web applications and data services have become critical to the ongoing agency mission of deploying technical analysis content to a broader audience. The web infrastructure management defined by this project supports web applications and data services, such as SharePoint (collaboration), SteerSimple (project management), MediaWiki (collaboration), the TIP Website (web application), the TIP Map (data service), GO TO 2040 Case Studies (data service), and several others. In addition, this project includes management of web-specific network infrastructure, such as domain name registration and DNS record management.

Resources: Hardware, software, and network infrastructure used by web applications and data services hosted at CMAP

Products: Web applications, data services, collaboration portals, and project management applications

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Applied cumulative updates to SharePoint environments.
- Upgraded database supporting SharePoint environment.
- Finalized DNS records associated with CMAP email.
- Updated DNS record associated with CMAP website.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- To implement production server for CKAN web application.
- To implement Aerial imagery web server services.
- To implement ArcGIS server web mapping services.
- To implement data storage solution for CKAN web application.
- To implement maintenance and backup strategy for CKAN web application.

Information Security

Project Manager: Lance Tiedemann

Team: Rogus, contracted support, CMAP project managers of web sites and services

Description: Information security consists of proactively planning, implementing, and verifying the various tools used to project CMAP infrastructure and data as well as reactively responding to existing threats. This project fulfills these network roles: enhance network assessment processes with invasive testing, automate assessment of local environments, develop additional plans, policies and standards, continue training staff, recommend improvements for increased network and data protection, and implement new tools or services to aid in identifying and reacting to critical conditions (e.g., cyber-attacks, malicious traffic, etc.) This project fulfills these web sites and services roles: enhance website assessment processes with invasive testing, automate assessments of code, develop additional plans, policies and standards, and continue training staff. In addition, this project fulfills the data management role to develop policies and process improvements to ensure that sensitive data is processed and stored under appropriate access controls in compliance with program and regulatory requirements. These roles are fulfilled through the management of security tools, such as SSL certificates, firewall and IPS policies, VPN access, security scanning applications, and monitoring services.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Configured VPN for CMAP environment.
- Created VPN documentation for staff and provided training.
- Performed vulnerability scan of CMAP website.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- To develop FY14 plan for new security features on firewall.
- To implement VPN IT policy for remote connections.
- To implement new firewall monitoring services.
- To develop implementation plan for additional monitoring services.
- To perform vulnerability scanning on new CKAN web application.

Office Systems Management

Project Manager: Ben Stromberg

Team: IT Intern

Description: Staff productivity depends on robust systems for managing office operations. This project includes technical support of office support systems including telephone, mobile communication, fax, copiers, web conferencing, audio-visual, etc.

Resources: Software applications, telephone system, copiers and printers

Products: Telephones, internet services, computer peripherals, copiers and printers

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Upgraded firmware on conference room telephones.
- Worked with Sentinel in blocking spam related phone calls to the agency.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Develop migration plan for phone servers to CMAP's new virtual hosting platform.
- Review CMAP's mobile data plan wireless provider.
- Develop FY14 staff "How to" phone systems packet.
- Continue developing FY14 DR plan for phone system.

User Support

Project Manager: Ben Stromberg

Team: Brown, Kelley, Rivera, intern

Description: Serve as training and instructional resource for internal users. Serve as technical intermediary in resolving IT related problems encountered by CMAP staff.

Products: Documentation of training and instructional resources. Documentation of IT related problems encountered by CMAP staff.

2nd Quarter Progress:

- Completed all staff brown bag meeting regarding Exchange Online Protection.
- Completed video on spam filtering for Outlook.
- Completed 117 help desk tickets and requests for CMAP staff.

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Implement Microsoft SCSM (Helpdesk) 2012.
- Continue to upgrade staff PC's and laptops.
- Continue to update user documents for staff as needed.
- Continue to assist staff with PC/phone problems as needed.

City of Chicago

FY 2008 PROJECTS

CENTRAL AREA BRT- EAST-WEST TRANSIT CORRIDOR

Purpose:

Determine feasibility and evaluate additional transitway alignments proposed in Chicago's Central Area Plan (cross-Loop and Roosevelt Road).

Project Manager: Susan Mea

Progress: Completed negotiations with AirSage to purchase travel data to definitively document the need for transit investments in the Central Area. Coordinated with RTA and other CDOT studies to share cost and data. Completed data purchase.

Products: Travel data.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Begin detailing two transit alternatives for further study.

FY 2009 PROJECTS

CHICAGO SOUTH LAKEFRONT TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Purpose:

The purpose is to analyze transportation needs in the South Lakefront Area of Chicago and recommend transportation improvements. The area extends from Chicago's Central area to the Hyde Park and nearby areas, and includes activity centers such as McCormick Place and Soldier Field. The study will examine both trips within the Central Area and trips between the Central Area and Chicago's neighborhoods. Opportunities made available by the possible future vacation of CN railroad tracks will be considered.

Project Manager: Susan Mea

Progress: Completed negotiations with AirSage to purchase travel data to definitively document the need for transit investments in the Central Area. Coordinated with RTA and other CDOT studies to share cost and data. Completed data purchase.

Products: travel data

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Begin detailing two transit alternatives for further study.

FY 2011 PROJECTS

CITY OF CHICAGO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

Purpose: To support regional objectives by providing for the strategic participation of the City of Chicago in the region's transportation planning process including the development of the RTP and the TIP, by identifying and developing potential transportation projects and policies and to provide technical analysis and other requested information to agencies, elected officials and the general public. Such policy, funding and planning assistance facilitates the full and effective participation of the City of Chicago in the regional planning process.

Project Manager: Brenda McGruder

Progress: Chicago Truck Route Planning Study:

- Convened third PAC meeting to present methodology to designate the Chicago Truck Route System and draft truck route system map.
- Provided Draft Final Report on the Study with truck route system maps for City of Chicago Department comments.

Sustainable Infrastructure

- Continued Development of SUIG Vol., II
- Implementation of Project Delivery Process Notebook

HDR will continue work on miscellaneous FRA Quiet Zone analyses as well as continuing work on the Union Station fourth north lead track investigation, the 16/Dearborn viaduct design plans, and the Metra track relocation feasibility study.

Products: Sustainable Infrastructure

- Project Delivery Process Notebook implemented agency-wide

HDR - Technical memos and meetings with stakeholders

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

Chicago Truck Route Planning Study:

- Review and provide comments to the draft final report

- Initiate Supplement to Existing Contract to complete outstanding Tasks
- Assist City staff presenting the system designation to City Council and other key stakeholders for approval and adoption.

Sustainable Infrastructure:

- Completion and public release of Vol. II
- Complete Cost Benefit Analysis
- Complete Contractor & RE trainings

FY 2012 PROJECTS

CITY OF CHICAGO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

Purpose: To support regional objectives by providing for the strategic participation of the City of Chicago in the region's transportation planning process including the development of the RTP and the TIP, by identifying and developing potential transportation projects and policies and to provide technical analysis and other requested information to agencies, elected officials and the general public. Such policy, funding and planning assistance facilitates the full and effective participation of the City of Chicago in the regional planning process.

Project Manager: Brenda McGruder

Progress: Staff attended meetings, prepared and reviewed information, communicated with City officials and staff of other agencies, for the following initiatives, studies and projects: RTA Interagency Sign project, Cook-DuPage Project, Transit Friendly Development, IDOT Eisenhower Advisory Group/Task Force, Circle Interchange and other studies, as they are implemented.

Provided staff oversight and review for the following studies: East-West and Lakefront Corridor Transitway studies and River North/ Streeterville BRT; issued task order request for River North-Streeterville BRT; continued coordination on Wells-Wentworth corridor, Lakefront Busway, and various transit right-of-way preservation efforts.

Products: Finalized locations for bike share stations.
Draft Rock Island Report

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

CITY OF CHICAGO Union Station Master Plan – Phase III

Purpose:

Building off of Phase I and Phase II work, the project will continue planning for a West Loop Trans Ctr and/or alternatives to address future passenger and train capacity needs at Chicago

Union Station (CUS). The plans will anticipate leveraging federal interest in improved intercity rail transportation. In Phase I CUS alternatives are being developed; Phase II will develop ped simulation models (for inside & outside CUS) and analyze real estate issues; Phase III will develop a train ops simulation model to assess capacity of alternative station plans.

Project Manager: Jeff Sriver

Progress: “Phase III” is being conducted together with “Phase II” (utilizing remaining FY2011 UWP funds) and is being called Stage II. It began in December 2012 and involves simulation modeling and analysis of possible new CUS configurations, operations, and surface traffic as developed in Stage I. FY2012 funds will be drawn down when FY2011 funds are depleted (expected next quarter)

The existing condition models for pedestrian behavior and train operations have been reviewed and finalized; disruption conditions and potential future modifications are currently being modeled and reviewed. Schematic plans for station concourse area reconfigurations have been designed. Station area traffic data plan is being developed.

Products: Initial future conditions model for train operations; draft technical memo including schematic plans and renderings for station concourse modifications.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Refine schematic plans and renderings for station concourse modifications as needed. Continuing stakeholder meetings. Continue testing and evaluating train operations models using future train and pedestrian traffic assumptions. Continue developing station area street traffic model..

CITY OF CHICAGO Far South Railroad Relocation Feasibility Study

Purpose:

The UP (Villa Grove Sub) freight railroad operates at-grade from 89th to 116th Street, through several densely populated residential neighborhoods. It has 10 street grade x-ings & many unauthorized ped x-ings. Rail traffic is 24 tpd & growing. Project would assess rail line relocation, between 89th & 119th Streets, to the under-utilized but grade-separated CN (along Cottage Grove) + CRL (between 91st/Holland & 94th/Cottage Grv) rail lines. Would require a new railroad flyover bridge to connect CN and CRL tracks, plus related infrastructure improvements.

Project Manager: Jeff Sriver

Progress: Analysis has been completed; final report preparation has begun with continuing coordination with CTA regarding their parallel Red Line Extension EIS process.

Products: Draft report sections for internal review and discussions with CTA.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Complete draft final report and share with CTA and other railroad stakeholders.

CITY OF CHICAGO: TSM & Signal Interconnect Priority Models

Purpose:

Purpose of this project is: a) to conduct a critical and comparative review of the existing Chicago Traffic Signal Modernization (TSM) Priority Model to identify enhancements and any changes required based on the new 2010 Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and b) develop and apply a Signal Interconnect Priority Model to identify corridors for signal technology and operational improvements that may include interconnects, signal coordination, Transit Signal Priority (TSP). The focus of this project is to develop and test the technical tools and procedures, and assemble the required data and databases to support CDOT planning functions for signal improvements and signal interconnect corridor investments. Once developed and tested, the tools and procedures would be available for use by other agencies as appropriate

Project Manager: David Zavatterro

Progress: Scope in for final approval

Products: draft final scope

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Finalize scope. Draft RFP.

FY 2013 PROJECTS

TRANSPORTATION AND PROGRAMMING - CONTRACTS

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to support regional objectives by providing for the strategic participation of the City of Chicago in the region's transportation planning process including the development of the RTP and the TIP, by identifying and developing potential

Project Manager: Brenda McGruder

Progress: Finalized and released Chicago Forward Action Agenda

Chicago Forward Action Agenda - Scheduled to be released last week of October.

Products: BikeShare- Bike Share System launched June, 2013.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative- **complete**.

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

CHICAGO BUS RAPID TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to identify and prioritize future opportunities for Bus Rapid Transit improvements in Chicago

Project Manager: Keith Privett

Progress: Contract negotiated. Task order in progress

Products: Signed contract. Task order submitted.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Obtain Notice to Proceed. Begin work.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

City of Chicago Transportation and Programming

Purpose:

To support regional objectives by providing for the strategic participation of the City of Chicago in the region's transportation planning process including the development of the RTP and the TIP, by identifying and developing potential transportation projects and policies and to provide technical analysis and other requested information to agencies, elected officials and the general public. Such policy, funding and planning assistance facilitates the full and effective participation of the City of Chicago in the regional planning process.

Project Manager: Brenda McGruder

Progress: Provided staff oversight, review and interagency coordination for the following initiatives, studies and projects: RTA Interagency Sign project, Cook-DuPage Project, Transit Friendly Development, IDOT Eisenhower Advisory Group/Task Force, Circle Interchange, I-55 Managed Lanes and other studies, as they are implemented.

Project specific accomplishments are as follows: the Rock Island study report is 90% complete; awaiting draft report for the 63rd St TOD Corridor Study.

Provided staff oversight and review for the following studies: East-West and Lakefront Corridor Transitway studies and River North/ Streeterville BRT; completed task order package for River North-Streeterville Transit Alternatives and BRT System Network Plan; continued coordination on Wells-Wentworth corridor, IDOT and CDOT Phase I studies, Lakefront Busway grade crossing, and Downtown Parking Policies; attended meeting on Value Capture; responded to inquiries on pedway system.

Submitted numerous TIP changes to assure fiscal constraint of Chicago's and the region's programs. Held monthly coordination meetings with IDOT to assure that CDOT's Federal and State funded capital program progresses in a timely manner meeting all Federal and State requirements.

Met with CMAP staff on Major Capital Projects and other updates needed for update of GO TO 2040.

Advertised 2 new, UWP-funded planning positions, conducted interviews and selected top candidates.

Products: Task Order package for River North - Streeterville Transit alternatives and BRT System Network Plan task orders. Draft Rock Island Report

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Complete Rock Island study

Review draft 63rd St TOD report

Continue staff oversight of transportation initiatives

Issue Notice to Proceed for River North - Streeterville Transit Alternatives and BRT System Network Plan to Department of Procurement Services; begin River North - Streeterville transit alternatives study; present Wells-Wentworth preferred alternative to community; continue work on IDOT and CDOT Phase I study coordination and Central Area Transitway studies.

Continue working with CMAP staff on GO TO 2040 Update.

Bring two new planners on staff.

Comprehensive Multi-Modal Transportation Plan-Framework Study

Purpose:

CDOT is preparing city-wide plans focused on various strategic initiatives, consistent with its "Chicago Forward Action Agenda." These plans include: Streets for Cycling, Streetscapes, Pedestrians, and BRT. CDOT has also recently initiated a geographic district-based approach for community transportation planning. CDOT now intends to create an overall framework for a Comprehensive Transportation Plan that will integrate these city- and district-based plans, objectives, and processes with regional transportation plans, priorities, and goals.

Project Manager: Jeff Sriver

Progress: Scope of work under development

Products: none

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Finalize scope of work and issue request for proposals.

CTA

FY 2013 PROJECTS

RED LINE EXTENSION – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Purpose: The CTA is proposing to make transportation improvements by extending the Red Line from the 95th Street Station to the vicinity of 130th Street. This project is one part of CTA's effort to extend and enhance the entire Red Line and is an identified GOTO 2040 fiscally-constrained project. The CTA has completed an Alternatives Analysis and a Locally Preferred Alternative was identified through the process and designated by the Chicago Transit Board in August 2009. The current step in the process is preparation of a Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Project Manager: Sonali Tandon

Progress: Technical analysis of potential positive and negative environmental effects of construction and operation of each alternative was completed. Eighteen technical memorandums have been prepared and reviewed. Revision of Purpose and Need was ongoing. Preparation of Draft EIS document was initiated.

Products: Technical memos; First Draft of Draft EIS Document from consultant

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Complete internal review. Conduct agency coordination and plan for public outreach.

RED AND PURPLE MODERNIZATION – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Purpose:

The CTA is proposing to make improvements to the North Red and Purple lines. The proposal would bring the existing transit stations, track systems and structures into a state of good repair and ADA compliant from north of Belmont station to the Linden terminal. This project is one part of CTA's effort to extend and enhance the entire Red Line and is an identified GOTO 2040 fiscally-constrained project. Environmental scoping meetings were conducted in January. The current step in the process is preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Project Manager: Stephen Hands

Progress: Continued Development of Environmental Technical Memorandum and project definition materials.

Products: Over 20 Technical Memorandum and project definition materials

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Continue development of support materials and continue drafting EIS document

FOREST PARK BLUE LINE RECONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION PLANNING

Purpose: The purpose of this project is for the preliminary concept planning and engineering for the reconstruction and modernization of the Forest Park branch of CTA's Blue Line, complementing IDOT planning for I-290 reconstruction

Project Manager: Janine Farzin

Progress: The project is in full swing and progress is apparent on several tasks:

Task 2: Existing Infrastructure Conditions Assessment - Complete.

Task 3: Market Conditions Assessment - Complete.

Task 4: Conceptual service patterns developed - Complete.

Task 5: Station design prototypes have been developed and are being refined.

Task 6: Refined analysis of conceptual service patterns - recommendations being prepared.

Task 7: CTA is has provided recommended alternatives to IDOT for travel demand modeling by IDOT.

Task 8: Recommendations for corridor options are being refined.

Task 9: Funding options memo - Complete.

Task 10: CTA is preparing outreach materials for upcoming IDOT I-290 Corridor Advisory Mtg and late 2014 Public Hearing.

Products: See progress notes. Deliverables have been completed for Tasks 3, 4, and 9. Additional products being developed to support upcoming presentations of study recommendations..

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Finalize study recommendations and supporting materials.

PEDESTRIAN MODELING FOR CTA FACILITIES

Purpose: This project will study pedestrian movement through proposed station designs to enhance access and egress for customers. Potential choke points will be analyzed and equipment and facilities will be studied to improve efficiency and analyze emergency evacuations. The project will analyze high volume stations like the proposed replacement stations in the Loop. The project will study varying levels of demand, and will be used to help plan for larger than normal crowds that can be expected from special events.

Project Manager: Robert Vance

Progress: Continued integration of passenger information into simulation model. Finalized Passenger and Track data integration modules. Continuing to update data to sync with modules. Completed training of CTA staff. Initial software update delivered

Products: Updated rail simulation model, improved integration tools, and analysis of passenger movements through system.

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

SERVICE CHANGE ELASTICITIES

Purpose:

CTA service cuts implemented in 2010 included frequency reduction on 119 bus routes and 7 rail lines; span reduction on 41 bus routes; and elimination of 9 express bus routes. This project will study the ridership impact of these service cuts with respect to bus and rail, peak and off peak, weekday and weekend. Riders' response with respect to different routes will also be studied and documented. Schedule and ridership data from before and after cuts will be used to calculate service elasticities for future service planning and restructuring.

Project Manager: Sonali Tandon

Progress: Red Line South branch was closed for reconstruction for five months in 2013. During this five month period, analysis was conducted to track how people were changing their commutes during the closure estimating the number of people who altered their trips to buses, different stations, or other forms of transport. When the line was reopened, analysis was conducted to track how quickly people

returned to Red Line and how people were shifting back to their original commutes. This analysis helped in understanding riders response to service changes

Products:

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

UPDATE FARE MODELING CAPABILITY

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to increase CTA's understanding of customers' sensitivity to fare changes while taking into consideration key factors that may impact price elasticity such as rider type (choice vs. transit dependent), trip type (commute vs non-commute) and transit type (rail vs. bus); update the current fares model with new elasticities and fare structure; provide CTA with capability to make future modifications to the fares model to allow for quick analysis of the impacts of potential changes to the fare structure.

Project Manager: Sonali Tandon

Progress:

No work done this period.

Products:

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Use and update the tool with recent data as needed. Monitor the changes in ridership as a result of 2013 fare changes.

UPDATING SYSTEM ANNUAL RIDERSHIP FORECASTING MODEL

Purpose:

CTA projects system ridership annually for budget purposes using an in house ridership model. The model takes into account factors like regional employment, fuel costs, transit fare, and service availability. This project includes researching other variables that might have an impact on ridership; updating and redeveloping the current model using more recent data on selected variables; restructuring the model to generate results in the current reporting format and to facilitate future updates.

Project Manager: Sonali Tandon

Progress:

No work done during this period.

Products:

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Use and update the tool with recent data as needed

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Program Development

Purpose: Facilitates CTA's efforts to coordinate the provision of capital projects for customers in its service area to projects identified within the Chicago area regional five-year Transportation Improvement Program.

Project Manager: Michael Fitzsimons

Progress: Capital project descriptions and grant applications developed for Federal formula, CTA Bond, State Bond, and RTA SOGR Bond applications. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) scenarios developed to account for revised funding levels, new source of funds, and refinement to existing projects scope and budgets for 2nd quarter program amendment to CTA and RTA Boards. Capital project over 50% completed.

Products: FY 2014 CTA Budget Book completed, published and notice given to the public prior to scheduled Public Hearing and CTA Board meeting. FY 2014-2018 CIP analysis and materials completed, and presented to CTA Board in November and RTA Board in December for approval and inclusion in the regional constrained TIP.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Amend FY 2014-2018 CIP to account for RTA's revised allocation of federal formula capital funding to the Chicago's UZA and the split among Service Boards. Capital funding levels aligned with the MAP-21 transit program authorization/appropriations. FY 2014 CIP materials prepared to support RTA Board action in 2nd/3rd quarters; and TIP changes capturing projects refinements prepared for the TIP Transportation Committee meeting in April and June. FY 2014 capital project descriptions completed for inclusion in TIP and for pending grant applications. FY 2014 Project is expected to be complete by April 2014.

Forest Park Blue Line Reconstruction and Modernization Planning

Purpose: Preliminary concept planning and engineering for the reconstruction and modernization of the Forest Park branch of CTA's Blue Line, complementing IDOT planning for I-290 reconstruction. Funding would augment monies received in FY 2013 UWP process. The project is kicking-off in February 2013.

Project Manager: Janine Farzin

Progress See FY 2013 Notes

Products: See FY 2013 Notes.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: See FY 2013 Notes

Furthering Asset Management & Project Determination

Purpose: The goal of implementing a comprehensive asset management plan is to enhance the data, reports and tools available to inform CTA's prioritization of capital investments and preventive maintenance activities, thereby maximizing the benefits from limited available resources and minimizing lifecycle asset costs. Implementation will assure compliance with recent federal mandates (MAP 21), as well as provide a more comprehensive, cross-functional view of CTA's asset portfolio and software systems.

Project Manager: David Johnson

Progress: Currently finalizing a task order scope of work, which will be issued as part of a request for proposals within CTA's "General Planning Consulting" pool of pre-qualified contractors. Draft scope of work is completely, with reviews and revisions amongst CTA stakeholders ongoing.

Products: None to date

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Conduct and complete procurement ,expected in Spring 2014, with project kick-off shortly following.

Cook County

FY 2013 PROJECTS

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Purpose:

The purpose is to provide for the ongoing development and maintenance of the Cook County 2040 Transportation Plan, which is needed to manage future growth and travel demand. The Transportation Plan is a tool that guides the programming and planning of transportation infrastructure improvements, projects, and services and the allocation of financial resources.

Project Manager: Jennifer Killen, P.E., PTOE, Bureau Chief of Transportation and Planning

Progress Finalized materials for first Advisory Committee meeting, hosting first Advisory Committee meeting February 25th, finalizing social media - website, facebook & twitter, finalizing MetroQuest, and firming locations and dates for MetroQuest kiosks.

Products: Advisory Committee meeting materials, Advisory Committee Bios, Program Committee Bios, Final Website, facebook & twitter, Final MetroQuest & MetroQuest phase I kiosks locations.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Gather public input for Phase I - What's working and/or not working in the current transportation system? Gather technical data of existing conditions to create the 'Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum'.

Regional Council of Mayors

FY 2014 PROJECTS

SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND MANAGEMENT

Purpose: The purpose is to provide for strategic participation by local officials in the region's transportation process as required by SAFETEA-LU, the Regional Planning Act and future legislation. To support the Council of Mayors by providing STP, CMAQ, SRTS, BRR, HPP, ITEP and other program development and monitoring, general liaison services, technical assistance and communication assistance.

Project Manager: Council of Mayors

Progress: Program Development - Surface Transportation and Program Monitoring

Number of Council of Mayors Meetings: 21

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 394

Kick off Meetings Held: 15

Federal Coordination Meetings Attended: 7

Number of STP Project Let: 7

Other STP Activities: In addition to monitoring their respective STP program, the Councils also participated in the following: Central - revised program and added new projects. DuPage County - 2014-2019 Program approved, projects entered into TIP. Kane/Kendall County - Currently in a Call for Projects, 35 projects submitted for funding consideration, two Council newsletters, continuation of Council-wide FAU comprehensive evaluation and updated projects. McHenry County - met with individual communities about possible projects and coordinated with McHenry County on their CMAQ project. North Shore - prepared and reviewed IDOT paperwork for January and February lettings. Prepared annual report of North Shore activities. Northwest - finalized draft of Functional Classification request scoring system, began review of Northwest Council methodology, met with new members of the Northwest Council Technical Committee to review Council methodology. South - cleared FY 2013 line items from the TIP. Evaluated projects and FAU designation requests at a Technical Advisory Group meeting. Will County - continued to monitor STP projects. Managed the WCGL program to accurately reflect changes in the anticipated letting dates for several projects.

The Councils also monitored CMAQ, TAP, ITEP, HPP, SRTS, HBP, HSIP, RTA, LTA, SRF, TCSP, HSR, RTA Planning Programs and two State Economic Development funded projects. They attended a variety of meetings and conferences. All Councils moved items out of FY 2013 in the TIP.

Products:

Surface Transportation Program - each Council maintains an individual program which is regularly monitored, adjusted and reviewed. Information is continuously updated in the TIP database. They also work frequently and regularly with municipal officials, consultants, elected officials and agencies on project monitoring, implementation and completion.

Newsletters/Annual Reports - newsletters and informational emails are sent on a regular basis.

Other Plans/Programs - input on programs and projects is regularly provided to CMAP, IDOT, the municipalities and various agencies.

Other Reports - as needed

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

Central - various WCMC committees, WCMC newsletter, legislative priorities, Cook DuPage Smart Corridor Phase 2 Consultant Selection and Kick off. DuPage County - various IDOT meetings, annual Legislative Dinner, DMMC meetings, DuPage County Transportation and Mass Transit Committee, CMAP/IDOT/PL Coordination Meeting, I-55 Managed Lane Project Corridor Planning Group, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access meeting, MMC Board meeting. Kane/Kendall County - KKCOM meetings, updating KKCOM website, finalizing Functional Classification review, GIS training, Ride in Kane, county-wide trail assessment. Lake County - continued assistance to the LCCTSC and units of local government. McHenry County - Submit FY 15 UWP request, Council of Mayors methodology review, SRTS Call for Projects and letters of support, Coordination meetings and prepare for Call for Projects. North Central - I-90 expansion, RTA/CMAP merger, legislative monitoring, working with Chambers of Commerce on COD/TODs, Cicero Connections Study. North Shore - kick off new CMAQ projects, continue work on Des Plaines River corridor plan, provide input into Evanston bike plan, assist communities that are awarded ITEP funding. Northwest - continue work on LTA-funded Des Plaines River Corridor Plan, monitor STP and other federally funded projects, Niles Multi-Modal Plan, transit governance developments, SRTS support letters and applications, continued participation in FPDCC's Trail Master Plan Steering Committee, GO TO 2040 updates, Northwest Council's Methodology review. South - I-294/I-57 Interchange Land Use and Economic Development Plan, Southeast Service Transit District, Illiana, GIS Atlas and land use planning, IL 394 and Route 1 Corridor Study, website updates. Southwest - various SMC meetings, Call for Projects, Cal-Sag Watershed Planning Council Meeting, Change SCM STP policy and continued assistance and communication with SCM municipalities. Will County - continued monitoring and management of federally funded projects, South Suburban Airport and Illiana planning process updates, continued outreach, working with the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority to restart their TMA study.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL REPORTS

Council: North Central

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please List: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Any other activities or meetings attended: CMAP Transportation Committee on Illiana – Oct 4, 2013; WCMC Washington DC Legislative Conference – Oct 7-11, 2013; IML Conference – Oct 17-18, 2013; Cook County Economic Development Meeting – Oct 24, 2013; Mayor Caucus RTA Merger Meeting – Nov 5, 2013; EPA Brownfields Planning Grant Conference Call – Nov 7, 2013; CMAP Board – Nov 13, 2013; Cook County Economic Development Brownfields Conference Call – Nov 13, 2013; UIC Forgotten Chicago Event – Nov 13, 2013; CMAP Transportation Committee Meeting – Nov 15, 2013; CMAP PL Meeting – Nov 15, 2013; FHWA Certification Review – Nov 18, 2013; CMAP Council of Mayors Executive – Nov 19, 2013; Cook County GIS Luncheon Nov 29, 2013; Meeting with TCC and Oak Park to discuss sub-region wide smart corridors – Dec 3, 2013

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 21

Kick-Off Meetings Held: TCSP South Blvd Oak Park – Oct 23, 2013

Federal Coordination Meetings: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Number of STP Projects Let: 1

Any other activities under STP Program: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 14

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 5

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 6

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 9

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 5

Other activities or funding sources monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Regular monitoring and adjusting of the STP Program and TIP for all federally funded and certain state funded projects; Continue to support Go To 2040 Plan efforts; Continue Active Program Management for federally funded (STP, CMAQ, ITEP etc.) projects; Cook DuPage Corridor Involvement; TOD/COD study with CNT and rollout; Planned Development Areas work with CNT; I-290 IDOT Study; I-90 IDOT Study; WCMC Bike Committee and Continuous Updating of Bike Plan; Independent GIS Training; Work on monthly Transportation newsletters for WCMC; Tracking of CNT meetings with all municipalities in WCMC for their Planned Economic Development discussions that coincide with COD/TOD study; worked with CNT regarding the Council's STP expenditures and methodology; monitoring and working on RTA Cicero Connections; monitoring and working on LTA West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry TOD and COD Plan; Monitoring and working on LTA Cicero Comprehensive Plan; working with WSCCI LTA Plan. Working with Cook County Bureau of Economic Development on Planning; Working with Cook County, CNT, and WSCCI on Brownfields grant applications to EPA with two separate groups of municipalities within the COG.

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): All the Above including monitoring I-90 expansion, RTA/CMAP Merger discussion, increased legislative monitoring, working closely with suburban chambers of commerce in conjunction with planned development areas as well as the ongoing COD/TOD report and study in cooperation with CNT. Cicero Connections Study.

Council: North Shore

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 11

Please List: CMAP Transportation Committee, PL Meeting, CMAQ Project Selection Committee, CMAP Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, CMAP Board, CMAP Coordinating Committees, CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee, MPO Certification meetings, MPO Policy Committee.

Any other activities or meetings attended: NWMC Transportation Committee, NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Transit Improvement Working Group, IL 53 Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee, Governor's Transit Task Force

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 22

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 1

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: Prepared and reviewed paperwork (PPI forms, Local Agency Agreements) for January and February lettings. Prepared annual report of North Shore activities.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 16

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 10

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 7

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 13

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Provided information and guidance for SRTS application process.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): NWMC Transportation Committee meeting, North Shore Technical Committee meeting, NWMC Transportation Newsletter, Sharing of IDOT circular letters, worked on the Des Plaines River corridor plan, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Transit Improvement Working Group, , IL 53 Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee, Governor's Transit Task Force, Evanston Bike Plan Steering Committee, Niles Multimodal Plan review.

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (October, November, December): Kick-off new CMAQ projects, continue work on Des Plaines River corridor plan, provide input into Evanston bike plan, assist communities that are awarded ITEP funding.

Council: Northwest

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 12

Please List: Transportation Committee (10/4), CMAP Board (10/9), MPO Policy Committee (10/17), CMAP Board (11/13), Transportation Committee (11/15), PL meeting (11/15), MPO Recertification Review (11/18), Council of Mayors Executive Committee (11/19), MPO Recertification review (11/19), Land Use Committee (11/20), CMAQ Project Initiation Meeting (12/6), Bike/Ped Task Force (12/18)

Any other activities or meetings attended: Northwest Council Functional Classification Working Group (10/1), Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force (10/1), Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force (10/16), Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (10/21), NWMC Bike/Ped Committee (10/22), Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Transit Working Group (11/5), meeting with Schaumburg staff about STP projects (11/8), Des Plaines River Trail meeting with FPDCC and IDOT (11/13), NWMC Transportation Committee (11/21), Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force (11/22), Illinois Route 53/120 Finance Committee (12/3), IDOT Bike Plan meeting with City of Des Plaines (12/10), Northwest Council Functional Classification Working Group (12/11), Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force (12/12), Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee (12/13), NWMC Bike/Ped Committee (12/17), NWMC Transportation Committee (12/18)

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 31

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 1

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: Finalized draft of Functional Classification request scoring system, began review of Northwest Council methodology, met with new members of Northwest Council Technical Committee to review Council methodology

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 20

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 11

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 13

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 1 TSCP

Other activities or funding sources monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): See meetings above. Also articles for NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing, three NWMC Transportation Newsletters, maintain @NWMCTrans Twitter feed, creation of Northwest Council methodology review working group

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): Continue work on LTA funded Des Plaines River Corridor Plan including final existing conditions report and development of recommended improvements, continued monitoring of STP and other federally funded projects in Northwest Council, continued participation in Niles Multi-Modal Plan, discussion of transit governance developments, including Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force, assist communities with Safe Routes to School support letters and applications, continued participation in FPDCC's Trail Master Plan Steering Committee, update municipalities on Go To 2040 update progress, create working group to review Northwest Council methodology.

Council: South

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 5 – Oct. 1 Transportation Committee, Oct. 24 Business Meeting, Nov. 5 Transportation Committee, Dec. 5 SSMMA, Dec. 17 Technical Advisory Group Meeting.

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 9

Please List: Oct. 4 Transportation Committee/Planning Liaisons, Oct. 9 Board, Oct. 24 CMAQ Project Selection Committee, Nov. 13 Board, Nov. 15 Transportation Committee/Planning Liaisons, Nov. 19 Council of Mayors Executive Committee, Dec. 18 Bike-Ped Task Force.

Any other activities or meetings attended: Staff reported on SSMMA activities at the NIRPC Transportation Policy Committee meetings, held semi-monthly update calls w/ IDOT regarding University Parkway/Stuenkel Road reconstruction, Southeast Commuter Rail coordination meetings, held South Suburban GIS Consortium meeting in November, held South Suburban GIS Consortium meeting in November, participation in Illiana corridor meetings convened by the Will County Center for Economic Development, presented information on the Illiana Corridor to the Southland Chamber Gov't. Affairs Committee. Held an IDOT MYP Open House. Participated in the Cook County Consolidated Plan Kickoff meeting at CMAP offices. Attended a bi-state short line rail summit. Published STP information on the SSMMA website. Participated in a DCEO 5-year economic development plan workshop. Met with CMAP staff to discuss an LTA-sponsored Complete Streets and Trails Plan.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 56

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 0

Federal Coordination Meetings: 2

Number of STP Projects Let: 1

Any other activities under STP Program: Cleared FFY2013 line items from the TIP. Evaluated projects and FAU designation requests at a Technical Advisory Group meeting on Dec. 17.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 13

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 12

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 3

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Other activities or funding sources monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Produced transportation articles for the SSMMA

biweekly newsletter. Convened meetings for the LTA-funded I-57/294 Land Use and Economic Development Plan. Collaborated with the SSMMA GIS staff to further the development of the South Suburban GIS Atlas and the GIS Consortium. Interviewed and hired additional GIS staff. Distributed information through email on behalf of RTA, Metra, Pace, CMAP and IDOT, including legislative priorities, route changes, funding opportunities, planning initiatives and other technical matters. Met with stakeholders regarding the IL 394 and IL Route 1 Corridor Study to develop an RFP. RFP was released on the SSMMA website and distributed to other planning-related organizations. Proposals were distributed to stakeholder group.

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): Convene monthly Transportation Committee meetings; Convene Technical Advisory Group meetings as needed; Provide reports at the SSMMA meetings; Participate in the Illiana Corridor Planning Group and Technical Task Force; Continue work with I-294 / I-57 Interchange Land Use and Economic Development Plan; Continue coordination with the Southeast Service Transit District; Act as liaison to South Suburban Public Works Association; Coordinate transportation planning and programming activities with SSMMA economic development, housing, watershed and land use planning and GIS Atlas; Begin development of a transportation viewer on the South Suburban GIS Atlas, Coordinate with IDOT, CMAP and local public agencies to promote the completion of transportation projects, Retain consultant and initiate a IL-394 & Rt. 1 Corridor Study. Continue to develop the transportation pages of ssmma.org.

Council: Southwest Conference of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 9

Please List: Transportation Committee, CMAP Board, CMAQ, PL, CMAQ Initiation, Bike/Ped

Any other activities or meetings attended: Cal-Sag Trail Coalition, IML Public Works Committee, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 24

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 0

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 2

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 5

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): John Noel Public Transit Conference, Ridgeland Ave Steering Committee, SCM Public Works Committee meeting, updated the SCM Public Works Committee mutual aid agreement, hosted a sign retrorefelctivity training for SCM Public Works, Cal-Sag Watershed Planning Council Meeting,

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): SCM STP Workshop, SCM Municipal Expo, Live Line Demonstration for SCM Public Works, SCM Transportation Committee Meetings, SCM Public Works Committee Meetings, SCM Call for projects, Cal-Sag Watershed Planning Council Meeting , SCM Business Meetings, Change SCM STP policy and continued assistance and communication to SCM municipalities.

Council: Will County Council of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1 Transportation / 1 Full Member

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 10

Please List: MPC/CMAP Regional Water Supply Planning Group(2), CMAP Land Use Committee, CMAP Housing Committee, CMAP Regional Freight Leadership Task Force (2), MPO Policy Committee,

CMAP Transportation Committee, CMAP Human & Community Development Committee, CMAP Environment and Natural Resources Committee, CMAP Board (2), Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Any other activities or meetings attended: CMAP/IDOT District 3/ PL Coordination Meeting

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 18

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 0

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 1

Any other activities under STP Program: Continued to monitor all STP projects. Managed the WCGL program to accurately reflect changes in anticipated letting dates for several projects.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 17

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 20

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 7

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 8

Number of HBP Projects Monitored:

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 2 State economic development funded projects

Other activities or funding sources monitored:

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Will County Paratransit Committee, Will County Center for Economic Development Board of Directors Meeting (2), Will County Board Legislative Committee, Will County Board Airport Committee, Illiana Corridor Planning Group, Will County Board Executive Committee Meeting

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): Continued monitoring and management of federally funded projects in Will County, continued involvement in South Suburban Airport and Illiana Expressway planning process, outreach to efforts with local communities as well as the County of Will and other county-wide leadership groups, working with the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority to restart their TMA study.

Council: Central

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 7

Please List: CMAP Board, Transportation Committee, PL, Human and Community Development, Bike, and Council of Mayors Executive Committee,

Any other activities or meetings attended: DuPage Transit Conference, Cook DuPage Corridor Study Policy Committee, Cook DuPage Corridor Study RFP, WCMC DC Flyover, and Mayors Caucus RTA CMAP merger meetings

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 17

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 3

Federal Coordination Meetings: 1

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: Revised program, added new projects

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 2

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Cook DuPage Corridor Study

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): DuPage Transit Conference, WCMC DC Flyover, Cook DuPage Corridor Study, WCMC newsletter, and WCMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): WCMC Transportation Committee, WCMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, WCMC Newsletter, WCMC Legislative Priorities, WCMC Legislative Breakfast, Cook DuPage Smart Corridor Phase 2 Consultant Selection and Kick Off, and CMAP meetings

Council: DuPage

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 8

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 10

Please List: Transportation Committee; Planning Liaison; Board; CMAQ Initiation; CMAQ Project Selection Committee; Bike/Ped Task Force; Health, Transportation, and Land Use Workshop, Fiscal and Economic Impact TAG

Any other activities or meetings attended: DuPage County Transportation and Mass Transit Committee meetings, Pace Budget Hearing, John Noel Public Transit Conference, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Ground Breaking Ceremony, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee, US Council of Mayors DOT Review,

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 122

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 2

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 2

Any other activities under STP Program: 2014-2019 Program approved, projects entered into TIP

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 11

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 13

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 24

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored: ARRA, RTA

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): CMAP Health, Transportation, and Land Use Workshop, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee, DuPage Federation Presentation, informational email concerning the STP process, informational email concerning IDOT Fall Planning Conference, RTA transit marketing grant consultant interviews, MMC Transit Improvement Working Group, Lake Street Corridor Steering Committee, Roosevelt Rd Corridor Steering Committee, Cook-DuPage Smart Corridor RFP Interviews,

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): Various IDOT Kickoff Meetings, annual Legislative Dinner, CMAP Transportation Committee meetings, CMAP Board meetings, Planning Liaisons meetings, CMAQ Project Selection Committee meetings, DMMC Board meetings, DMMC Conference Business Meetings, DMMC Transportation Technical Committee meetings, DMMC Transportation Policy Committee meetings, DuPage County Transportation and Mass Transit Committee meetings, CMAP Council of Mayors meeting, CMAP/IDOT/DMMC Coordination meeting, I-55 Managed Lane Project Corridor Planning Group meeting, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Tollway Quarterly Mayors meeting, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Board.

Council: Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: Kane/Kendall COM Transportation Policy Committee

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 15

Please List: Transportation Policy Committee, Human and Community Development Committee, CMAP Board, MPO Policy Committee, Freight Task Force, Planning Liaison meetings, COM Executive Committee, FHWA Compliance Audit attendance,

Any other activities or meetings attended: IDOT public open houses – Plato Road @ Rt. 47, Rt. 20 Corridor Study, Montgomery Road Open House, John Noel Public Transit seminar, RTA budget hearing, RTA HSTP meeting for UWP proposal, Ride in Kane Sponsors Meeting, RTA compliance review of Ride in Kane – attendance, IDOT District 3 meeting with CMAP staff, IDOT Kick off meetings for various Council projects, Homes for a Changing Region public meetings – 4, CMAQ initiation meeting at IDOT, Trails Linking Communities Meeting, Anderson Road Groundbreaking, FHWA coordination meetings, Kendall County Mayors and Managers quarterly meeting, TIP Training for new PL staff.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 18 current, 7 recently let projects

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 5

Federal Coordination Meetings: 2

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: Currently in Call for Projects, 35 projects submitted for funding consideration. 2 Council newsletters designed and distributed, continuation of Council-wide FAU comprehensive evaluation and update project,

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 25

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 11

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 5

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 12

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 15

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Other activities or funding sources monitored: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): STP Call for Projects, Functional Classification Review, KKCOM Transportation Committee, LTA local project meeting attendance as necessary,

development of County-wide bike rack program, KKCOM Newsletter, mobility management for Ride In Kane and Sponsor Committee meeting , Ride in Kane website development, Ride in Kane RTA community planning grant consultant selection started, Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council meeting, I-80 Project Working Group, Illinois Bike Transportation Plan Meetings, RTA Board Meetings, Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force Meetings, IDOT – US 30 from IL 47 to IL 31 Community Advisory Meeting, continue coordination and implementation of Route 529 Plan, Kendall County Mayors and Managers meeting & support, IL Route 47 Improvement Study participation, I-90 Tollway Planning Council participation, LTA Project-Kane County 2040 Implementation Plan coordination, BRT Stakeholders meeting, Rt. 47 at Plato road open house, Rt. 20 corridor study open house, CMAQ PSC meeting and information dissemination, IDOT/FHWA Coordination meetings, PTN study ongoing coordination, Kane County Planning Cooperative Coordination

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee and Full Council meetings, KKCOM Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting, KKCOM Traffic Safety and Operations Committee, begin working on an update to the KKCOM website, finalizing Functional Classification Review submittal to IDOT from Council-wide evaluation and update project, GIS training at CMAP for PL staffer, Census products training at CMAP for both PL staff, consultant review and selection for Ride in Kane Program assessment through RTA grant, work on county-wide trail assessment.

Council: Lake

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 0

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please List: CMAP Bike/Ped Task Force, CMAP Transportation Committee Mtg., CMAP Planning Liaison Mtg., COM Executive Committee, UWP Committee Mtg., MPO Policy Committee Mtg

Any other activities or meetings attended: IL Route 53/120 Corridor Planning Study Mtgs., RTA ADA Advisory Committee Mtg., RTA HSTP Project Advisory Committee Mtgs., Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC) Mtgs., LCCTSC Northwest Demonstration Project Mtgs., LCCTSC SE Coordination Mtgs., RTA JARC/NF Information Exchange Mtg., Lake County Health Dept. MAPP Bike/Ped Steering Committee, LC Forest Preserve/LCDOT/Libertyville Twp. Bike Path Coordination; Northwest Municipal Conference “Des Plaines River Trail Corridor Plan Steering Committee”, Coordination Mtgs. with Lake County Forest Preserve over the LCDOT’s Draft 2040 Transportation Plan, LCDOT Project Scoping Mtgs., Pace Public Meeting over the Lake County Pace Route Restructuring Plan

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 40

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 1

Federal Coordination Meetings: 2

Number of STP Projects Let: 1

Any other activities under STP Program: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 19

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 12

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 8

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 5

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: TCSP – 1; HSR - 2

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Bona has been providing staff support to the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (a consortium of townships, not-for-profit public assistance organizations and municipalities) to coordinate and facilitate non-traditional transportation services for the disabled, the elderly and low income constituencies in Lake County. In that capacity Bona has been the working to implement demonstration projects in the County federally funded through the RTA.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Emails to LC COM to inform them of the funding sources available and other emails communicating; Serve as the technical support staff for the Lake County Coordinated Services Committee (LCCTSC); Manage the NW Demo Dial-a-Ride Service; Coordinates with Pace and RTA regarding the NW Demo service. Bruce and Bona have been providing assistance to numerous units of local government relative to ongoing federal projects and technical assistance through pre-application meetings.

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): Continued assistance to the LCCTSC and units of local government in Lake County.

Council: McHenry County Council of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1 – November 21, 2013

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 9

Please List: CMAP Transportation Committee, PL Meeting, CMAP Board, MPO Policy Committee, CMAP Bike/Ped Committee, CMAQ Committee, Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Any other activities or meetings attended: USDOT Certification, DuPage Public Transit Conference, McHenry County COG Transportation Committee, Meeting with the Village of Algonquin, CMAQ Program Management Meeting at IDOT, IDOT Multiple Year Plan Open House in Crystal Lake.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 18

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 1

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 1

Any other activities under STP Program: Met with individual communities about possible projects and coordinated with McHenry County on their CMAQ project.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 4

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 3

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: Several County Bridge Project and the Village of Barrington Hills Cuba Road Bridge project.

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: TAP program submittals.

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Monitored ITEP submittals and distributed information about the Safe Routes to School Call for Projects.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Reviewed Illiana information and shared it with County and local government officials, regular emails and correspondence with municipalities about projects. Requested advance funding for several McHenry County projects and updated the TIP appropriately, closed out all FY 2013 projects. Passed along regular updates about the I-90 Tollway project. Federal classification research and consideration of requests from the City of McHenry, Silver Lake Road kick off meeting in the Village of Cary, started the FY 15 UWP process.

Upcoming Months

Activities planned for the next quarter (January, February, March): Submit FY 2015 UWP Request after proper review and approvals, various CMAP meetings, IDOT kick off meetings, Council of Mayors Methodology Review, Safe Routes to School Call for Projects Letters of Support, update the TIP as needed. Additional requests for advance funding. IDOT/PL/CMAP Coordination Meeting. Start the process for a Call for Projects.

Lake County

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use and Transportation Plan

Purpose: Project proposal calls to work toward the implementation of the GO TO 2040 Major Capital Project, "Central Lake County Corridor: IL 53 North and IL 120 Limited Access", by developing the Corridor Land Use and Transportation Plan to integrate the Illinois Tollway's road project with land use, transportation, economic development and open space through active and collaborative local government participation.

Project Manager: Jason Navota

| Financial Status | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Project Budget: | \$1,000,000 |
| Amount Expended this Period: | |
| Amount Expended to Date: | |
| Balance: | |

Progress: In Q2, the project team selected a contractor, conducted due diligence on the selected contractor, and was recommended to the CMAP Board for approval on January 8, 2013.

Products: None

Objectives for the Next Three Months: The selected consultant will be approved by the CMAP Board on January 8, 2013, after which CMAP will enter into contract negotiation and entry with the selected consultant. Early stage project and team organizing work tasks are anticipated to begin in late January 2014.

McHenry County

FY 2011 PROJECTS

MCHENRY COUNTY LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Purpose: Long-Range Transportation Plan

Project Manager: Jason J. Osborn, AICP

Progress:

Draft Plan written. Six Public Meetings were held throughout the County in November. Draft Plan has been revised based on public comment.

Products:

Draft plan. Presentation materials.

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

- 1) County Board adoption of Plan.
- 2) Printing of Plan for community distribution.
- 3) Project completion.

Metra

FY 2011 PROJECTS

ORIGIN-DESTINATION SURVEY

Purpose:

Update of the 2002, 2006 data on: Metra riders mode of access to and egress from all 240 Metra non-downtown year round stations; locations of homes and non-home destinations; trip purposes; usage of different ticket types concurrently with Meta "Station/Train Boarding and Alighting counts" project.

Project Manager: A. Christopher Wilson, Section Manager, System Planning and Research

Progress: Grant extension requested April 19, 2012 has been granted. State grant expires on June 30, 2016. RFP has been released.

Products: RFP released and vendor recommended. Recommendation to go Metra Board in Spring 2014 for approval.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Presenting recommendation for preferred vendor to the Metra Board of Directors. Work on project anticipated to begin in early to mid 2014. Count data will be used to weight Origin-Destination Survey data. Final report expected to be completed and released in the

STATION/TRAIN BOARDING AND ALIGHTING COUNT

Purpose: Measure weekday passenger use at the rail station/train level, complementing other regularly collected ridership data which are at more aggregate levels of detail.

Project Manager: A. Christopher Wilson, Section Manager, System Planning and Research

Progress: Grant extension requested April 19, 2012 has been granted. State grant expires on June 30, 2016. RFP has been released.

Products: RFP released and vendor recommended. Recommendation to go Metra Board in Spring 2014 for approval.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Presenting recommendation for preferred vendor to the Metra Board of Directors. Work on project anticipated to begin once vendor is selected (scheduled to go to Metra's Board in Spring 2014. Count data will be used to weight Origin-Destination Survey data.

Final report expected to be completed and released in late 2014; delayed release due to changes in executive management. .

FY 2014 PROJECTS

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Purpose: Program development of capital transit planning and administration.

Project Manager: Caitlyn Costello, Program Administrator, Capital Program Development

Progress:

87.5% progress. 2014 and 2014-2018 capital programs and budget have been developed, presented to, and approved by Metra's and RTA's Board of Directors. Program, budget, and budget book have been released for public comment, and capital program information has been entered into the regional TIP.

Products: 2014 and 2014-2018 Capital Programs, 2014 Budget Book, analysis of capital investment prioritization through the use of the RTA's Capital Optimization Support Tool (COST).

Objectives for the Next Three Months Program amendments and budget revisions will ensue. Analysis of capital investments through COST will continue throughout the year.

Cost-Benefit Analysis of Proposed Metra Expansion Projects

Purpose: Perform Cost Benefit Analysis on proposed Metra projects to assist in prioritization of projects identified as potential long-term expansion projects in Metra's Strategic Plan.

Project Manager: David Kralik, Department Head, Long Range Planning

Progress: Work continues on preparing the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Metra Strategic Capital Planning blanket contract. This RFP identifies the cost benefit analysis work as the first task under this contract. The RFP remains under review by Metra's Procurement Department to prepare for its release.

Products: Draft RFP developed (under review).

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Once proposals are received in response to the RFP, they will be reviewed to select a consultant team to assist in completing the cost benefit analysis and

other work. It is anticipated that consultant selection will be completed and the project work will begin in mid- 2014.

Pace

FY 2008 PROJECTS

FIRST ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR FINANCIAL AND OPERATION PLAN

Purpose:

To write a financial and operating arrangement for Pace's first Arterial Rapid Transit Corridor. The region's first ART service will be implemented by executing this plan.

Project Manager: Brandy Kellom

Progress: Completed.

Products: The deliverables contracted and received under this task include a program management plan, program management protocols, share point site and user guide for document sharing between Pace and consultant teams, communication and outreach plan, and a draft program schedule, which will be maintained as future project elements get imputed for the ART Program.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: None. Funding has been expended. The deliverables associated with this task have been completed.

FY 2009 PROJECTS

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION INDEX SURVEY AND LOYALTY PROGRAM

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to objectively and consistently evaluate services from the customers' point of view and to develop action plans to increase customer satisfaction/retention, farebox recovery ratio, and ridership on Pace services. The project will cover the entire family of Pace services to include Fixed Route, Vanpool, and Paratransit.

Project Manager: Richard Yao

Progress: Pace is planning to use the remaining funds in the CSI project for a customer experience study for the Fox Valley market analysis. The purpose of the study is to find out the customer experience in the Fox Valley service area in comparison with non-Pace riders, and provide insights for planners to improve the current Pace rider experience and attract potential riders as well.

Products: CSI Proposal for the Fox Valley Study.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: To select a qualified contractor.

FY 2010 PROJECTS

PACE DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE GUIDELINES

Purpose: The development of a locally based transit policy as it relates to land use. Current practices in the region do not allow for the timely sharing of information on new development and roadway projects as related to transit planning. Pace wants to take the initiative by providing communities a "how-to" guide book on both Traditional and Non-Traditional Transit Oriented Development in the Chicago Suburbs that would facilitate the cooperation between Pace and communities in their effort of economic and community development, job-housing-transportation planning.

Project Manager: Tom Radak

Progress: Development of the web site and final version of the document. Website has been developed. Outreach is being developed for the final product. Presentation given to the Pace Board in August and UWP Committee at CMAP in October.

Products: Transit Supportive Guidelines document and Technical Appendix. Web site, and initial outreach. Staff time charged for outreach and continued involvement in the Guidelines process.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Outreach including: presentations and implementation of the development review process known as DRAFT. .

FY 2011 PROJECTS

NILES CIRCULATOR MODERNIZATION

Purpose: This project will modernize the Niles Circulators (Pace routes 411, 412, 413) so that they better serve the travel needs of the Village of Niles and support the Milwaukee Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ART) service by functioning as its feeder service. The Milwaukee Arterial Rapid Transit service and the modernized Niles Circulators is planned to start operating at the same time, approximately 2013.

Project Manager: Charlotte O'Donnell

Progress: The Niles Community Circulator Modernization Study kicked off on November 25, 2013. A detailed work plan and project schedule were presented to the steering committee. Meeting notes and a copy of the presentation have been delivered to Pace staff as part of task 1. A community outreach plan and stakeholder interview guide were under development in December, 2013 as well as a sampling plan that is to be executed in February, 2014.

Products: A detailed work plan and project schedule were presented to the steering committee. Meeting notes and a copy of the presentation have been delivered to Pace staff as part of Task 1.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Over the next three months, Nelson Nygaard and Metro Strategies will conduct interviews with 10 stakeholders and local officials (Task 2) as well as execute an on board survey of Pace customers on Routes 208, 210, 225, 226, 240, 241, 250, 270, 272, and 290 as part of Task 3. The final drafts of the Market Analysis and Service Analysis report as well as the first public meeting are scheduled to be completed in March, 2014.

FY 2012 PROJECT

RIDESHARE SERVICE PROGRAM

Purpose: The Pace Rideshare Program seeks to support individuals and employers in developing carpools and vanpools in support of regional plan objectives.

Project Manager: Kris Skogsbakken

Progress: Bus display ads invoices have been submitted for payment.

Products: Bus displays.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Develop marketing plan for 2014.

FY 2013 PROJECT

CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Purpose: This project involves corridor development to improve the efficiency of transit operations and establish long term coordination between transit and land use in support of Go To 2040. The project creates integration of several Pace programs including The Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ART) , regional corridors, Transit Signal Priority (TSP), Posted stops and transit oriented development. The project will allow for incremental development of 24 regional arterials and ART corridor network through implementation of TSP and posted stops.

Project Manager: Lorraine Snorden

Progress: Pace hired an Associate Planner who started in late January and a Transportation Engineer who started in early February. Staff time is being charged off to the project.

Products: Staff time for Associate Planner who is working on corridor development projects and service efficiency projects. Staff time for Transportation Engineer who is conducting development reviews and municipal and IDOT road reviews.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Completion of Development reviews and Engineering Plans. Support for the Development Review Assistance For Transit(DRAFT) and the new Pace Transit Supportive Guidelines including outreach plans. Work is being done by the planner on regional corridors and service coordination, development of an RFP for service development, and the posted stop program.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Rideshare Services Program

Purpose: The Pace Rideshare program supports individuals and employers in the Northeastern Illinois region in forming carpools and vanpools to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution, as well as providing transportation to improve job accessibility. A critical component of the program involves strategic marketing that achieves critical mass to improve the matching potential of the participants.

Project Manager: Kris Skogsbakken

Progress: \$25,000 was obligated to the Noble contract for marketing expenses. Additional staff time utilized.

Products: None this quarter.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Continue daily operations, order additional expo displays and brochures.

TIP Development and Modeling

Purpose: To develop a fiscally constrained Pace bus Capital Improvement Program for the Northeastern Illinois region which is consistent with and supportive of the five year regional TIP.

Project Manager: Vicky Tan

Progress: Pace staff revised the preliminary FY2014 Capital Program and 2014-2018 Capital Plan based on the approved RTA marks and submitted to RTA on November 15, 2013. In addition, Pace staff updated information for the 2013 Capital Program and the award dates for various FTA grants in the TIP database.

Products: 1) FY2014 Capital Program and 2014-2018 Capital Plan submittal to RTA on 11/15/2013.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: 1) Amend the FY2014 Capital Program and the 2014-2018 Capital Plan if necessary based on revised marks. 2) Update the TIP database to reflect projects in the FY2014-2018 Capital Plan.

Elgin/O'Hare Western Bypass Corridor Transit Service Plan

Purpose: To create an incremental transit plan to grow the transit market in relation to economic development and land use development. The Elgin/ O'Hare Western Access project is identified in GOTO 2040 as a major capital project under Regional Mobility and part of the recent Federal corridor approval. The market analysis will include detailed information on socioeconomic status, travel patterns, attitudes towards everyday travel, preferences of different type of travel service, walking shed and land use coordination analysis.

Project Manager: Brandy Kellom

Progress: Scope has added to the current Project Management Oversight for ART- Cook-Dupage Area Rapid Transit Investment Plan (Task 6). Project is the final phases of procurement. The Cook-DuPage Area Rapid Transit Investment Plan task will identify a locally preferred strategy for introducing arterial and/or expressway rapid transit to one or more corridors in western Cook County and DuPage County. This task shall cap the previous planning efforts in the Cermak Corridor, the Cook-DuPage Corridor Study, Elgin-O'Hare corridor, and the J-Route Corridor and identify priorities for subsequent planning and project development activities by Pace or other agencies.

Products: The Cook-DuPage Area Rapid Transit Investment Plan task will undergo a stakeholder outreach and alignment screening before major planning work can be expected on this task

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Issue task order to PMO, define goals and objectives, conduct project kick-off and stakeholder outreach

RTA

FY 2012 PROJECTS

OPERATING COST IMPACTS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Purpose: Develop a standard methodology for estimating the operating cost impacts of capital projects to assist in comparison of projects for initial project evaluation and screening. Consider the varying ways a project can impact operations such as cost savings, productivity and quality improvements, and ridership and revenue growth. Develop an automated model with a set of standardized spreadsheets to estimate impacts for different types of projects that all project managers can use.

Project Manager: John Goodworth

Progress: During the second quarter, the consultants worked remotely with the Service Boards to obtain additional maintenance data and begin development of the deliverable models. On October 24th, an update on the initial data analysis was provided at a meeting of the COST model team due to the close relationship between the two projects. On December 13th, the RTA held a conference call with the consultant to review initial model development. It was decided that up to eight model modules may be developed, three each for CTA and Metra; rolling stock, facilities, and track and two for Pace; rolling stock and facilities.

Products: None at this time

Objectives for Next Three Months: Consultants to accomplish Service Board site visits to present initial models and review additional data requirements for model enhancement. Finalize rolling stock module. Continue development of track and facilities modules.

REGIONAL INTERAGENCY FARE MODEL

Purpose: The RTA is seeking to develop an interagency fare model that will be utilized as a predictive tool to investigate the revenue and ridership impacts of a range of potential interagency fare products. The RTA is seeking consultant services to develop a disaggregate elasticity based model to analyze the impacts of alternative interagency fare products and policies and their associated pricing options.

Project Manager: Joseph Moriarty

Progress: During the reporting quarter, the RTA continued to identify functional errors with the previous version of the model (July 2013). RTA staff continued to work diligently with the consultant team to correct these technical errors during the quarter. Accordingly, late in the quarter, the RTA received a revised version of the model (December 18, 2013 version of the model). RTA staff continued the process of testing the model to uncover any additional technical errors. The RTA also worked with the consultant team to revise the previous draft version of the final report. A final "galley" draft of the report was delivered to the RTA during the quarter. After a final review of all the products, the plan is to distribute the final version of the model and final report early next reporting quarter.

Products: Final draft versions of the model and final report submitted to RTA for review and comment.

Objectives for Next Three Months: Produce and distribute final version of the model, Final Report, and Users Guide to the Technical Advisory Committee..

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose: The RTA will provide technical assistance on transit-oriented development implementation to local governments that have completed and adopted transit-oriented development plans through the RTA's Community Planning and Subregional Planning programs (approximately 70). This work will support the CMAP GO TO 2040 Plan's emphasis on providing targeted technical assistance to local governments and will supplement CMAP's technical assistance efforts through the Local Technical Assistance Program.

Project Manager: Tony Manno

Progress: Winthrop Harbor will be presenting the draft TOD zoning regulations to their Plan Commission in February. If the Plan Commission recommends approval, the Village Board will consider the new regulations in March for final approval. Franklin Park and Northbrook have reviewed final drafts of their TOD zoning regulations and initial Plan Commission meetings are expected to take place in February or March. All projects are on schedule, but due to full agendas in each community, adoption is anticipated to be completed by the end of March.

Products: Final drafts of new TOD zoning regulations for each community.

Objectives for Next Three Months: Adopt new TOD zoning regulations in each community.

FY 2013 PROJECTS

I-90 CORRIDOR BUS ENHANCEMENTS PLANNING

Purpose: The purpose of the project planning is for mid-term and long-term bus enhancements to complement and leverage bus service improvements and managed lane facility planned as part of the I-90 ISTHA reconstruction project. Supporting agencies are Pace and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

Project Manager: Peter Fahrenwald

Progress: Completed scope for Rosemont Access Study to develop implementation and funding plan for express bus access and improved multi-modal connections at Rosemont/Blue Line and I-90. Began procurement for consultant contract.

Products: None at this time

Objectives for Next Three Months: Complete consultant selection and initiate study project with agency/municipal Technical Advisory Committee.

RTA CAPITAL DECISION PRIORITIZATION TOOL

Purpose: With some of the nation's oldest transit assets, the RTA transit system has significant reinvestment needs, including an estimated \$24.6 billion over the next ten years to attain a state of good repair (SGR), which is more than three times higher than the projected funding during the same period. In order to improve the decision-making processes and prioritize investments given constrained funding, the RTA is developing the Capital Decision Prioritization Support Tool (the Decision Support Tool) to assist the Service Boards as they annually prepare their respective capital program needs to manage day-to-day operations and obtain a State of Good Repair. The Decision Support Tool will serve to assist the RTA in establishing a process for the evaluation of long range planning items, such as major system enhancement and expansions. The Decision Support Tool will be founded on FTA's existing TERM model and will utilize the Maintain, Enhance and Expand criteria, and scoring process developed by the

RTA in coordination with Service Board staff. This proposal is seeking funding for the prioritization process for Enhance and Expand investments. With the requested funding, the consultant will work with the RTA and the Service Boards to develop the rating criteria, scoring methods and data requirements for Enhance and Expand investments. The identified rating criteria will be implemented in the development of the final Decision Support Tool.

Project Manager: John Goodworth

Progress: The State of Good Repair (Maintain) portion of the Capital Optimization Support Tool (COST) is completed (funded by RTA). On December 11, 2013, the RTA and consultant presented to FTA in Washington, DC, COST project deliverables as part of the TAM Pilot project final report. COST is used to run a comparison with proposed COST budgets and Service Board's proposed Capital Programs and provide independent assessment of investment priorities and impact of changes in priorities and investments on what remains in the backlog. The RTA will work to better align tool training and tool output with Service Board budget materials used to develop the Capital Program.

The UWP funded portion of this program is not under contract yet. Contract execution is still pending. The new project timeline calls for a project start date in January 2014 and a completion date of June 30, 2015.

Products: None at this time.

Objectives for Next Three Months: Complete contract execution and kick-off the project. Consultant will begin model development, conduct status meeting to review progress to date and complete workshop for prioritization of Expansion investments.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Purpose: The Community Planning provides planning assistance to local governments to undertake planning activities that integrate transportation (particularly transit) with Land Use and Housing. Projects selected through a competitive application process administered jointly by CMAP and RTA.

Project Manager: Jay Ciavarella

Progress: The 2014 Community Planning program of projects was finalized in October 2013. The RTA identified three of those projects to use UWP funding; the Melrose Park Broadway Avenue Corridor Plan, Pace Local Transit Planning Technical Assistance project, and Kane County Ride-in-Kane Assessment.

Products: None at this time.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: All three projects are expected to commence in the 2nd quarter of calendar year 2014.

West Central Municipal Conference

FY 2011 PROJECTS

COOK-DUPAGE CORRIDOR SYSTEMS ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Purpose: The System Analysis will further develop, evaluate and prioritize alternatives that have been shortlisted in the Cook-DuPage Options Feasibility study and have been defined by mode, technology, alignment, and investment level. The alternatives will undergo travel modeling and intensive evaluation to establish demand, and impact on the regional transportation system - leading to selection of a preferred alternative for the corridor. The System Analysis will facilitate and ensure a participatory and inclusive decision-making process..

Project Manager: Tammy Wierciak

Progress: Completed the Systems Alternatives Analysis modeling scenario evaluation and selected the final projects to advance into the phased implementation plan. Cook DuPage Policy Committee approved the modeling results and the priority transit implementation plan.

Products: Cook DuPage Corridor Systems Alternatives Analysis Priority Transit Implementation Plan and the Alternatives and Screening Criteria Report.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Update the Cook DuPage Corridor Study Action Plan, send copies of the plan to the transit agencies, IDOT, CMAP and Tollway and provide comments on Cook DuPage projects to the GOTO 2040 Plan update.

Will County

FY 2012 PROJECTS

IL RT. 53 CORRIDOR PLAN

Purpose:

The project will produce a multijurisdictional plan for the Illinois Route 53 Corridor through Will County. This plan will focus on the identification and recommendation of appropriate land uses and transportation initiatives that will promote livability and economic sustainability principles within the Nation's busiest inland port. This project will look at what is necessary to integrate the Nation's busiest inland intermodal center with the rest of Will County's attributes.

Project Manager: Steve Lazzara

Progress Preparation of the final draft for the IL RT. 53 Plan. Estimated time of Completion is March 2014.

Products:

Draft of Plan

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Move through the Will County three phase approval process. This Will include a public hearing, County Board sub-vommittee review and review by the full County Board.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

County Long Range Transportation Planning Program

Purpose: The Counties' Core Long-Range Transportation Planning (LRTP) Program provides for the ongoing development and maintenance of multi-jurisdictional plans needed to manage future growth and travel demand. The Transportation Plan is a tool that guides the programming and planning of transportation infrastructure improvements, projects, services, and the allocation of financial resources. A rotating planning cycle among the Counties insures that policies, strategies, and projects are reviewed and updated on a periodic basis to meet regional transportation needs.

FY14 - Will County 2040 Transportation Plan

Project Manager: Christina Kupkowski, PE

Progress: Agreement processed and approved by County Board. Agreement sent to IDOT for approval due to use of MFT funds to match UWP funds.

Products:

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Kick off project, start data collection, start coordination with municipalities, townships, and County Land Use.